Operating Instructions

TDR sensor for continuous level and interface measurement of liquids

VEGAFLEX 83

Foundation Fieldbus

Polished rod probe

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Safety instructions for Ex areas

Please note the Ex-specific safety information for installation and operation in Ex areas. These safety instructions are part of the operating instructions manual and come with the Ex-approved instruments.

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1 About this document

1.1 Function

This operating instructions manual provides all the information you need for mounting, connection and setup as well as important instructions for maintenance and fault rectification. Please read this information before putting the instrument into operation and keep this manual accessible in the immediate vicinity of the device.

1.2 Target group

This operating instructions manual is directed to trained specialist personnel. The contents of this manual should be made available to these personnel and put into practice by them.

1.3 Symbols used

Information, tip, note
This symbol indicates helpful additional information.

Caution: If this warning is ignored, faults or malfunctions can result.

Warning: If this warning is ignored, injury to persons and/or serious damage to the instrument can result.

Danger: If this warning is ignored, serious injury to persons and/or destruction of the instrument can result.

Ex applications
This symbol indicates special instructions for Ex applications.

- **List**
  The dot set in front indicates a list with no implied sequence.

→ **Action**
This arrow indicates a single action.

1 **Sequence of actions**
Numbers set in front indicate successive steps in a procedure.

Battery disposal
This symbol indicates special information about the disposal of batteries and accumulators.

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2 For your safety

2.1 Authorised personnel

All operations described in this operating instructions manual must be carried out only by trained specialist personnel authorised by the plant operator.

During work on and with the device the required personal protective equipment must always be worn.

2.2 Appropriate use

VEGAFLEX 83 is a sensor for continuous level measurement.

You can find detailed information about the area of application in chapter "*Product description*".

Operational reliability is ensured only if the instrument is properly used according to the specifications in the operating instructions manual as well as possible supplementary instructions.

2.3 Warning about incorrect use

Inappropriate or incorrect use of the instrument can give rise to application-specific hazards, e.g. vessel overfill or damage to system components through incorrect mounting or adjustment.

2.4 General safety instructions

This is a state-of-the-art instrument complying with all prevailing regulations and guidelines. The instrument must only be operated in a technically flawless and reliable condition. The operator is responsible for the trouble-free operation of the instrument.

During the entire duration of use, the user is obliged to determine the compliance of the necessary occupational safety measures with the current valid rules and regulations and also take note of new regulations.

The safety instructions in this operating instructions manual, the national installation standards as well as the valid safety regulations and accident prevention rules must be observed by the user.

For safety and warranty reasons, any invasive work on the device beyond that described in the operating instructions manual may be carried out only by personnel authorised by the manufacturer. Arbitrary conversions or modifications are explicitly forbidden.

The safety approval markings and safety tips on the device must also be observed.

2.5 CE conformity

The device fulfills the legal requirements of the applicable EC guidelines. By affixing the CE marking, we confirm successful testing of the product.

You can find the CE Certificate of Conformity in the download section of our homepage.

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Electromagnetic compatibility
Instruments in four-wire or Ex-d-ia version are designed for use in an industrial environment. Nevertheless, electromagnetic interference from electrical conductors and radiated emissions must be taken into account, as is usual with class A instruments according to EN 61326-1. If the instrument is used in a different environment, the electromagnetic compatibility to other instruments must be ensured by suitable measures.

2.6 NAMUR recommendations

NAMUR is the automation technology user association in the process industry in Germany. The published NAMUR recommendations are accepted as the standard in field instrumentation.

The device fulfills the requirements of the following NAMUR recommendations:

- NE 21 – Electromagnetic compatibility of equipment
- NE 43 – Signal level for malfunction information from measuring transducers
- NE 53 – Compatibility of field devices and display/adjustment components
- NE 107 – Self-monitoring and diagnosis of field devices

For further information see www.namur.de.

2.7 Environmental instructions

Protection of the environment is one of our most important duties. That is why we have introduced an environment management system with the goal of continuously improving company environmental protection. The environment management system is certified according to DIN EN ISO 14001.

Please help us fulfill this obligation by observing the environmental instructions in this manual:

- Chapter "*Packaging, transport and storage*"
- Chapter "*Disposal*"

3 Product description

3.1 Configuration

Type label

The type label contains the most important data for identification and use of the instrument:

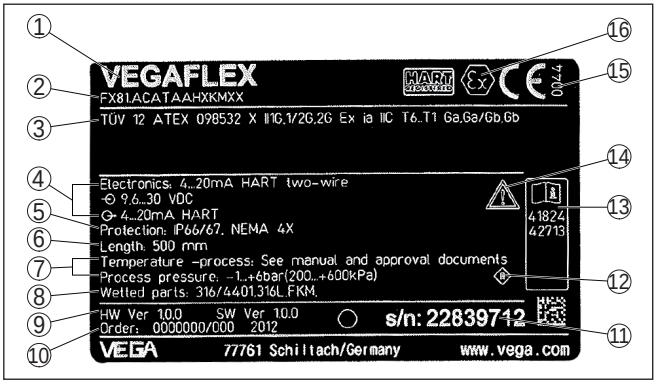

Fig. 1: Layout of the type label (example)

1 *Instrument type*
2 *Product code*
3 *Approvals*
4 *Power supply and signal output, electronics*
5 *Protection rating*
6 *Probe length*
7 *Process and ambient temperature, process pressure*
8 *Material, wetted parts*
9 *Hardware and software version*
10 *Order number*
11 *Serial number of the instrument*
12 *Symbol of the device protection class*
13 *ID numbers, instrument documentation*
14 *Reminder to observe the instrument documentation*
15 *Notified authority for CE marking*
16 *Approval directives*

Serial number - Instrument search

The type label contains the serial number of the instrument. With it you can find the following instrument data on our homepage:

- Product code (HTML)
- Delivery date (HTML)
- Order-specific instrument features (HTML)
- Operating instructions and quick setup guide at the time of shipment (PDF)
- Order-specific sensor data for an electronics exchange (XML)
- Test certificate (PDF) - optional

Go to www.vega.com, "*VEGA Tools*" and "*Instrument search*". Enter the serial number.

Alternatively, you can access the data via your smartphone:

- Download the smartphone app "*VEGA Tools*" from the "*Apple App Store*" or the "*Google Play Store*"

- Scan the Data Matrix code on the type label of the instrument or
- Enter the serial number manually in the app

Scope of this operating instructions manual

This operating instructions manual applies to the following instrument versions:

- Hardware from 1.0.0
- Software from 1.0.0
- Only for instrument versions without SIL qualification

Versions

This electronics version can be determined via the product code on the type label as well as on the electronics.

- Standard electronics: Type FX80FF.-

Scope of delivery

The scope of delivery encompasses:

- Sensor
- Documentation
  - this operating instructions manual
  - Test certificate measuring accuracy (optional)
  - Operating instructions manual "*Display and adjustment module*" (optional)
  - Supplementary instructions "*GSM/GPRS radio module*" (optional)
  - Supplementary instructions manual "*Heating for display and adjustment module*" (optional)
  - Supplementary instructions manual "*Plug connector for continuously measuring sensors*" (optional)
  - Ex-specific "*Safety instructions*" (with Ex versions)
  - if necessary, further certificates

3.2 Principle of operation

Application area

The VEGAFLEX 83 is a level sensor with polished rod probe for continuous level or interface measurement, particularly suitable for applications in the food processing and pharmaceutical industry.

Optionally an autoclaved version with separable housing is available.

Functional principle - level measurement

High frequency microwave pulses are guided along a steel cable or a rod. Upon reaching the product surface, the microwave pulses are reflected. The running time is evaluated by the instrument and outputted as level.

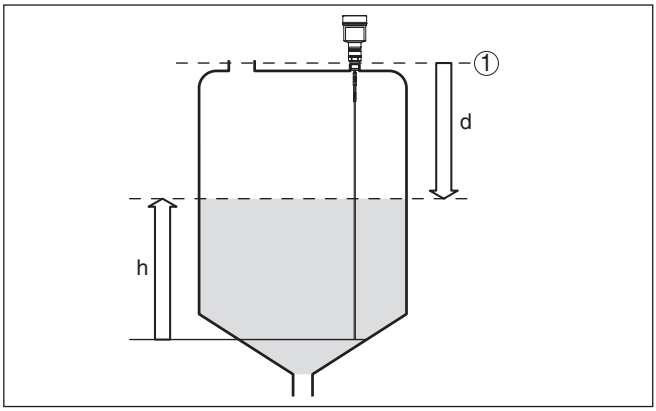

Fig. 2: Level measurement

1 Sensor reference plane (seal surface of the process fitting)
d Distance to the interface
h Height - Level

Probe end tracking

To increase sensitivity, the probe is equipped with probe end tracking. In products with a low dielectric constant, this function is very helpful. This is the case, for example, in plastic granules, packing chips or in vessels with fluidized products.

Between a dielectric constant of 1.5 and 3, the function switches on, if required. As soon as the level echo can no longer be detected, probe end tracking is automatically activated. The measurement is continued with the last calculated dielectric constant.

The accuracy thus depends on the stability of the dielectric constant.

If you measure a medium with a dielectric constant below 1.5, probe end tracking is always active. In this case, you have to enter the dielectric constant of the medium. A stable dielectric constant is very important here.

Functional principle - interface measurement

High frequency microwave impulses are guided along a steel cable or rod. Upon reaching the product surface, a part of the microwave impulses is reflected. The other part passes through the upper product and is reflected by the interface. The running times to the two product layers are processed by the instrument.

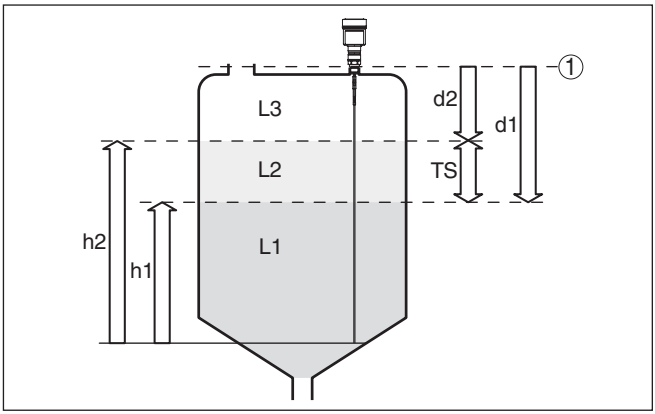

Fig. 3: Interface measurement

1 Sensor reference plane (seal surface of the process fitting)
d1 Distance to the interface
d2 Distance to the level
TS Thickness of the upper medium (d1 - d2)
h1 Height - Interface
h2 Height - Level
L1 Lower medium
L2 Upper medium
L3 Gas phase

Prerequisites for interface measurement

Upper medium (L2)

- The upper medium must not be conductive
- The dielectric constant of the upper medium or the actual distance to the interface must be known (input required). Min. dielectric constant: 1.6. You can find a list of dielectric constants on our home page: www.vega.com.
- The composition of the upper medium must be stable, no varying products or mixtures
- The upper medium must be homogeneous, no stratifications within the medium
- Min. thickness of the upper medium 50 mm (1.97 in)
- Clear separation from the lower medium, emulsion phase or detritus layer max. 50 mm (1.97 in)
- If possible, no foam on the surface

Lower medium (L1)

- The dielectric constant must be 10 higher than the dielectric constant of the upper medium, preferably electrically conductive. Example: upper medium dielectric constant 2, lower medium at least dielectric constant 12.

Gas phase (L3)

- Air or gas mixture
- Gas phase - dependent on the application, gas pahse does not always exist (d2 = 0)

Output signal

The instrument is always preset to the application "*Level measurement*".

For the interface measurement, you can select the requested output signal with the setup.

3.3 Packaging, transport and storage

Packaging

Your instrument was protected by packaging during transport. Its capacity to handle normal loads during transport is assured by a test based on ISO 4180.

The packaging of standard instruments consists of environment-friendly, recyclable cardboard. For special versions, PE foam or PE foil is also used. Dispose of the packaging material via specialised recycling companies.

Transport

Transport must be carried out in due consideration of the notes on the transport packaging. Nonobservance of these instructions can cause damage to the device.

Transport inspection

The delivery must be checked for completeness and possible transit damage immediately at receipt. Ascertained transit damage or concealed defects must be appropriately dealt with.

Storage

Up to the time of installation, the packages must be left closed and stored according to the orientation and storage markings on the outside.

Unless otherwise indicated, the packages must be stored only under the following conditions:

- Not in the open
- Dry and dust free
- Not exposed to corrosive media
- Protected against solar radiation
- Avoiding mechanical shock and vibration

Storage and transport temperature

- Storage and transport temperature see chapter "*Supplement - Technical data - Ambient conditions*"
- Relative humidity 20 … 85 %

3.4 Accessories and replacement parts

PLICSCOM

The display and adjustment module PLICSCOM is used for measured value indication, adjustment and diagnosis. It can be inserted into the sensor or the external display and adjustment unit and removed at any time.

You can find further information in the operating instructions "*Display and adjustment module PLICSCOM*" (Document-ID 27835).

VEGACONNECT

The interface adapter VEGACONNECT enables the connection of communication-capable instruments to the USB interface of a PC. For parameter adjustment of these instruments, the adjustment software PACTware with VEGA-DTM is required.

You can find further information in the operating instructions "*Interface adapter VEGACONNECT*" (Document-ID 32628).

VEGADIS 81

The VEGADIS 81 is an external display and adjustment unit for VEGA plics® sensors.

For sensors with double chamber housing the interface adapter "*DIS-ADAPT*" is also required for VEGADIS 81.

You can find further information in the operating instructions "*VEGADIS 81*" (Document-ID 43814).

DIS-ADAPT

The adapter "*DIS-ADAPT*" is an accessory part for sensors with double chamber housings. It enables the connection of VEGADIS 81 to the sensor housing via an M12 x 1 plug.

You can find further information in the supplementary instructions "*Adapter DISADAPT*" (Document-ID 45250).

PLICSMOBILE T61

The PLICSMOBILE T61 is an external GSM/GPRS radio unit for transmission of measured values and for remote parameter adjustment of plics® sensors. The adjustment is carried out via PACTware/DTM by using the integrated USB connection.

You can find further information in the supplementary instructions "*PLICSMOBILE T61*" (Document-ID 37700).

Protective cap

The protective cover protects the sensor housing against soiling and intense heat from solar radiation.

You will find additional information in the supplementary instructions manual "*Protective cover*" (Document-ID 34296).

Flanges

Screwed flanges are available in different versions according to the following standards: DIN 2501, EN 1092-1, BS 10, ANSI B 16.5, JIS B 2210-1984, GOST 12821-80.

You can find additional information in the supplementary instructions manual "*Flanges according to DIN-EN-ASME-JIS*" (Document-ID 31088).

Electronics module

The electronics module VEGAFLEX series 80 is a replacement part for TDR sensors of VEGAFLEX series 80. There is a different version available for each type of signal output.

You can find further information in the operating instructions manual "*Electronics module VEGAFLEX series 80*".

Display and adjustment module with heating

The display and adjustment module can be optionally replaced by a display and adjustment module with heating function.

You can use this display and adjustment module in an ambient temperature range of -40 … +70 °C.

You can find further information in the operating instructions "*Display and adjustment module with heating*" (Document-ID 31708).

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Spacer

If you mount the VEGAFLEX 83 in a bypass tube or standpipe, you have to avoid contact to the bypass tube by using a spacer at the probe end.

You can find additional information in the operating instructions manual "*Centering*".

4 Mounting

4.1 General instructions

Protection against moisture

Protect your instrument against moisture penetration through the following measures:

- Use the recommended cable (see chapter "*Connecting to power supply*")
- Tighten the cable gland
- Turn the housing in such a way that the cable gland points downward
- Loop the connection cable downward in front of the cable gland

This applies particularly to:

- Outdoor mounting
- Installations in areas where high humidity is expected (e.g. through cleaning processes)
- Installations on cooled or heated vessels

Protective caps

In the case of instrument housings with self-sealing NPT threads, it is not possible to have the cable entries screwed in at the factory. The openings for the cable glands are therefore covered with red protective caps as transport protection.

Prior to setup you have to replace these protective caps with approved cable glands or close the openings with suitable blind plugs.

The suitable cable glands and blind plugs come with the instrument.

Suitability for the process conditions

Make sure that all parts of the instrument exposed to the process are suitable for the existing process conditions.

These are mainly:

- Active measuring component
- Process fitting
- Process seal

Process conditions are particularly:

- Process pressure
- Process temperature
- Chemical properties of the medium
- Abrasion and mechanical influences

You can find the specifications of the process conditions in chapter "*Technical data*" as well as on the type label.

4.2 Mounting instructions

Installation position

Mount VEGAFLEX 83 in such a way that the distance to vessel installations or to the vessel wall is at least 300 mm (12 in). In non-metallic vessels, the distance to the vessel wall should be at least 500 mm (19.7 in).

During operation, the probe must not touch any installations or the vessel wall. If necessary, fasten the probe end.

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In vessels with conical bottom it can be advantageous to mount the sensor in the center of the vessel, as measurement is then possible nearly down to the lowest point of the bottom. Keep in mind that measurement all the way down to the tip of the probe may not be possible. The exact value of the min. distance (lower dead band) is stated in chapter "*Technical data*".

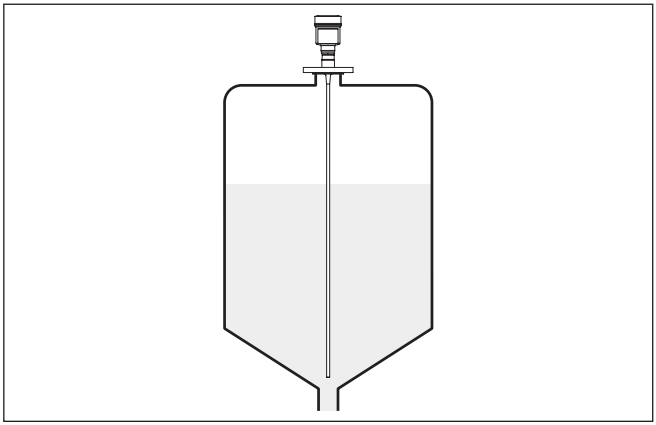


Fig. 4: Vessel with conical bottom

Type of vessel

Plastic vessel/Glass vessel

The guided microwave principle requires a metallic surface on the process fitting. Therefore, in plastic vessels, etc., use an instrument version with flange (from DN 50) or place a metal sheet (ø > 200 mm/8 in) beneath the process fitting when screwing it in.

Make sure that the plate has direct contact with the process fitting.

When installing rod or cable probes in vessels without metal walls, e.g. in plastic vessels, the measured value can be influenced by strong electromagnetic fields (emitted interference according to EN 61326: class A). In this case, use a probe with coaxial version.

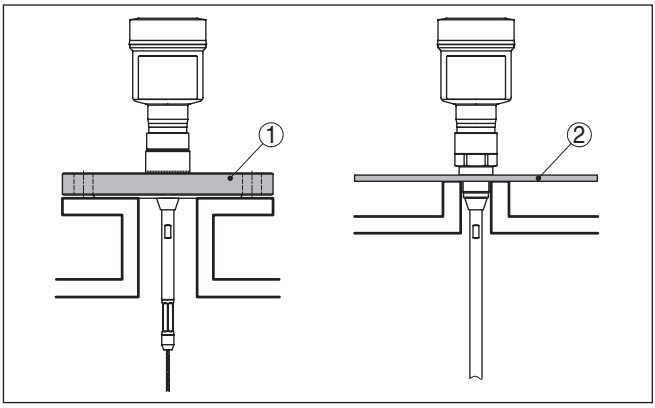


Fig. 5: Installation in non-metallic vessel

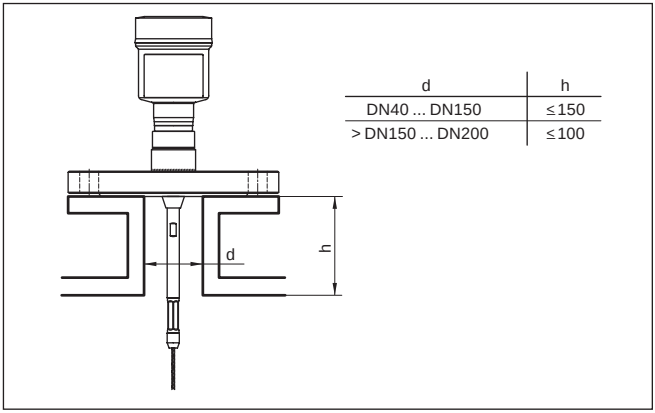
1 Flange
2 Metal sheet

Socket

If possible, avoid sockets. Mount the sensor flush with the vessel top. If this is not possible, use short sockets with small diameter.

Higher sockets or sockets with a bigger diameter can generally be used. They can, however, increase the upper blocking distance (dead band). Check if this is relevant for your measurement.

In such cases, always carry out a false signal suppression after installation. You can find further information under "*Setup procedure*".



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DN40 ... DN150	≤150
> DN150 ... DN200	≤100

Fig. 6: Mounting socket

When welding the socket, make sure that the socket is flush with the vessel top.

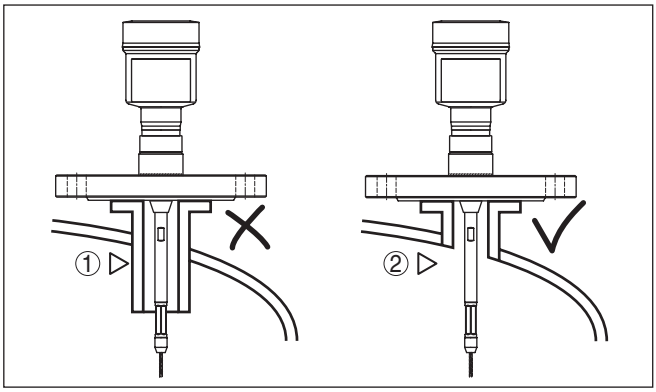

Fig. 7: Socket must be installed flush

1 Unfavourable installation
2 Socket flush - optimum installation

Welding work

Before beginning the welding work, remove the electronics module from the sensor. By doing this, you avoid damage to the electronics through inductive coupling.

Inflowing medium

Do not mount the instruments in or above the filling stream. Make sure that you detect the product surface, not the inflowing product.

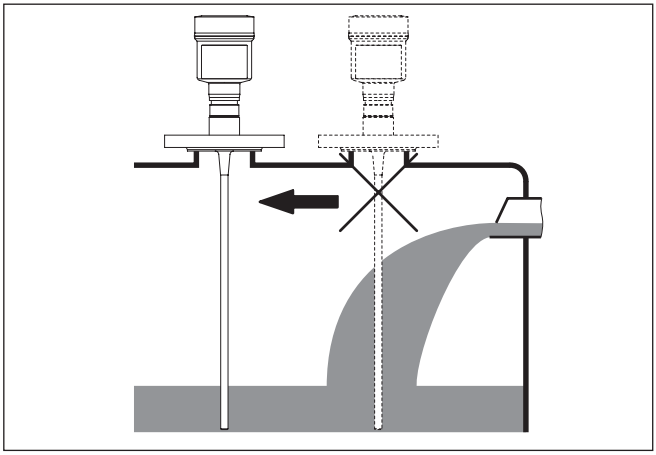

Fig. 8: Mounting of the sensor with inflowing medium

Measuring range

The reference plane for the measuring range of the sensors is the sealing surface of the thread or flange.

Keep in mind that a min. distance must be maintained below the reference plane and possibly also at the end of the probe - measurement in these areas is not possible (dead band). The length of the cable can be used all the way to the end only when measuring conductive

products. These blocking distances for different mediums are listed in chapter "*Technical data*". Keep in mind for the adjustment that the default setting for the measuring range refers to water.

Pressure

The process fitting must be sealed if there is gauge or low pressure in the vessel. Before use, check if the seal material is resistant against the measured product and the process temperature.

The max. permissible pressure is specified in chapter "*Technical data*" or on the type label of the sensor.

Lateral installation

In case of difficult installation conditions, the probe can be also mounted laterally. For this purpose, adapt the rod with rod extensions or bow-shaped segments.

Let the probe length determine automatically by the instrument to compensate the resulting running time changes.

The determine probe length can deviate from the actual probe length when using bow-shaped segments.

If installations such as struts, ladders, etc. exist on the vessel wall, then the probe should have a distance to the vessel wall of at least 300 mm (11.81 in).

You can find further information in the supplementary instructions of the rod extension.

Rod extension

In case of difficult installation conditions, for example in a socket, the probe can be adapted respectively with a rod extension.

Let the probe length determine automatically by the instrument to compensate the resulting running time changes.

You can find further information in the supplementary instructions of the rod extension.

Autoclaved version

For use in an autoclave, e.g. for sterilization, the VEGAFLEX 83 is available as autoclaved version.

Hence you can separate the housing from the process fitting.

Open the slotted nut with a hook wrench and remove the housing in an upward direction.

The side of the process fitting must be covered with a lid after the housing is removed. Screw the enclosed lid with slotted nut onto the instrument side of the process fitting and tighten the nut with a torque of 20 Nm.

Make sure that no liquid or contamination penetrates into the housing or the process side.

After autoclaving, screw the lid off again and place the housing vertically on the side of the process fitting. Tighten the slotted nut with a torque of 20 Nm.

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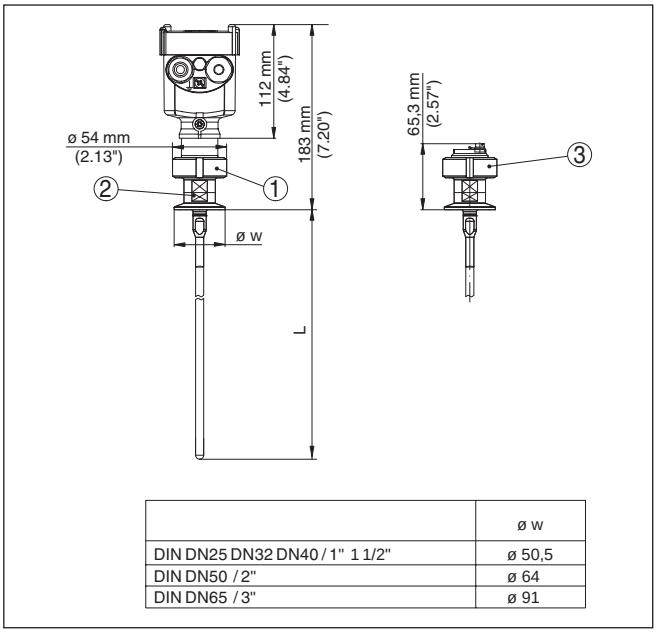

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DIN DN25 DN32 DN40 / 1" 1 1/2"	ø 50,5
DIN DN50 / 2"	ø 64
DIN DN65 / 3"	ø 91

Fig. 9: Autoclaved version

1 Groove nut
2 Process fitting
3 Cover with groove nut

5 Connecting to power supply

5.1 Preparing the connection

Safety instructions

Always keep in mind the following safety instructions:

- Connect only in the complete absence of line voltage
- If overvoltage surges are expected, overvoltage arresters should be installed

Voltage supply

The instrument requires a operating voltage of 9 … 32 V DC. Operating voltage and the digital bus signal are carried on the same two-wire connection cable. Power is supplied via the H1 power supply.

Connection cable

Connection is carried out with screened cable according to Fieldbus specification.

Use cable with round cross section for instruments with housing and cable gland. To ensure the seal effect of the cable gland (IP protection rating), find out which cable outer diameter the cable gland is suitable for.

Use a cable gland fitting the cable diameter.

Make sure that the entire installation is carried out according to the Fieldbus specification. In particular, make sure that the bus is terminated with suitable terminating resistors.

Cable gland ½ NPT

With plastic housing, the NPT cable gland or the Conduit steel tube must be screwed without grease into the threaded insert.

Max. torque for all housings see chapter "*Technical data*".

Cable screening and grounding

Make sure that the cable screen and grounding are carried out according to Fieldbus specification. We recommend to connect the cable screen to ground potential on both ends.

In systems with potential equalisation, connect the cable screen directly to ground potential at the power supply unit, in the connection box and at the sensor. The screen in the sensor must be connected directly to the internal ground terminal. The ground terminal outside on the housing must be connected to the potential equalisation (low impedance).

5.2 Connecting

Connection technology

The voltage supply and signal output are connected via the spring-loaded terminals in the housing.

Connection to the display and adjustment module or to the interface adapter is carried out via contact pins in the housing.

Information:
The terminal block is pluggable and can be removed from the electronics. To do this, lift the terminal block with a small screwdriver and pull it out. When reinserting the terminal block, you should hear it snap in.

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Connection procedure

Proceed as follows:

1. Unscrew the housing cover
2. If a display and adjustment module is installed, remove it by turning it slightly to the left.
3. Loosen compression nut of the cable entry gland
4. Remove approx. 10 cm (4 in) of the cable mantle, strip approx. 1 cm (0.4 in) of insulation from the ends of the individual wires
5. Insert the cable into the sensor through the cable entry

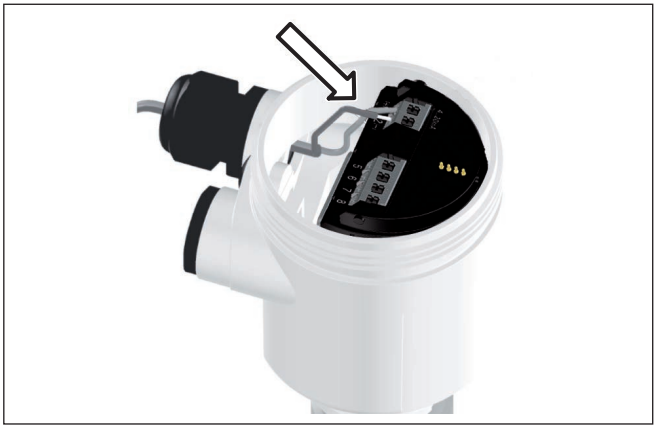


Fig. 10: Connection steps 5 and 6 - Single chamber housing

Fig. 11: Connection steps 5 and 6 - Double chamber housing

6. Insert the wire ends into the terminals according to the wiring plan

Information:
Solid cores as well as flexible cores with wire end sleeves are inserted directly into the terminal openings. In case of flexible cores without

end sleeves, press the terminal from above with a small screwdriver, the terminal opening is then free. When the screwdriver is released, the terminal closes again.

You can find further information on the max. wire cross-section under "*Technical data/Electromechanical data*"

7. Check the hold of the wires in the terminals by lightly pulling on them
8. Connect the screen to the internal ground terminal, connect the outer ground terminal to potential equalisation
9. Tighten the compression nut of the cable entry gland. The seal ring must completely encircle the cable
10. Reinsert the display and adjustment module, if one was installed
11. Screw the housing cover back on

The electrical connection is finished.

5.3 Wiring plan, single chamber housing

The following illustration applies to the non-Ex, Ex-ia and Ex-d version.

Electronics and terminal compartment

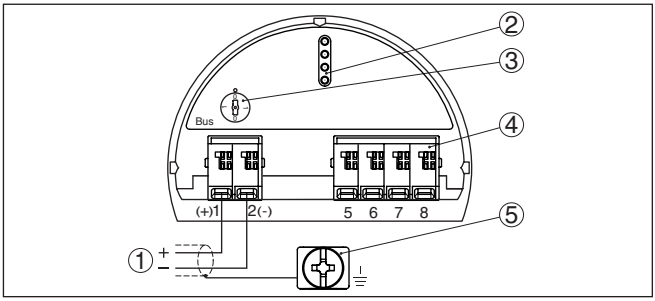


Fig. 12: Electronics and terminal compartment, single chamber housing

1 Voltage supply, signal output
2 Contact pins for the display and adjustment module or interface adapter
3 Simulation switch ("1" = mode for simulation release)
4 For external display and adjustment unit
5 Ground terminal for connection of the cable screen

5.4 Wiring plan, double chamber housing

The following illustrations apply to the non-Ex as well as to the Ex-ia version.

Electronics compartment

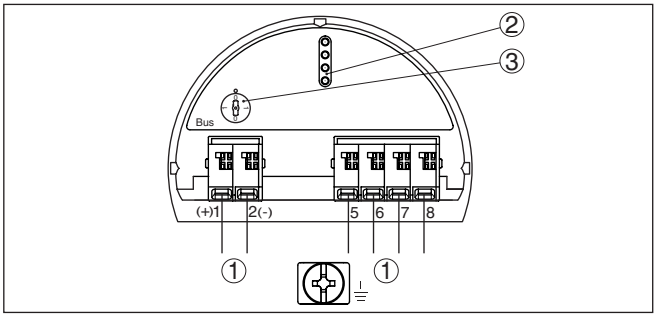


Fig. 13: Electronics compartment, double chamber housing

1 Internal connection to the connection compartment
2 Contact pins for the display and adjustment module or interface adapter
3 Simulation switch ("on" = simulation mode)

Terminal compartment

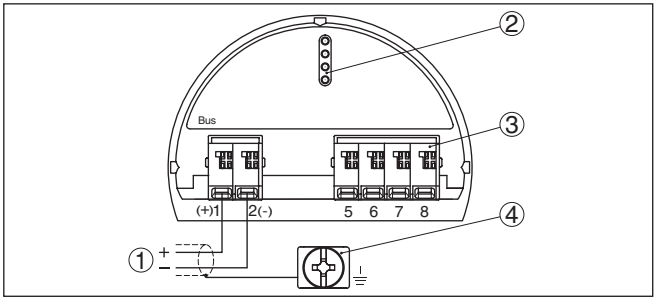


Fig. 14: Terminal compartment, double chamber housing

1 Voltage supply, signal output
2 For display and adjustment module or interface adapter
3 For external display and adjustment unit
4 Ground terminal for connection of the cable screen

Information:
The use of an external display and adjustment unit and a display and adjustment module in parallel in the connection compartment is not supported.

Connection compartment - Radio module PLICS-MOBILE

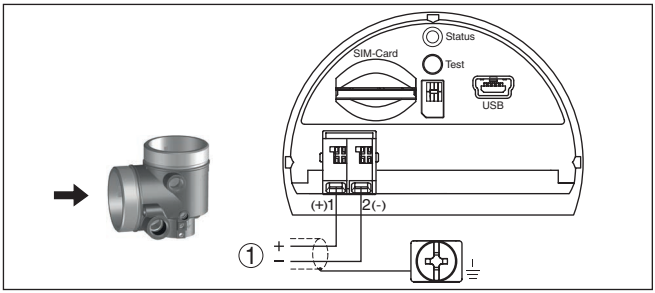


Fig. 15: Connection compartment radio module PLICSMOBILE

1 Voltage supply

You can find detailed information on connection in the supplementary instructions "*PLICSMOBILE GSM/GPRS radio module*".

5.5 Double chamber housing with DIS-ADAPT

Electronics compartment

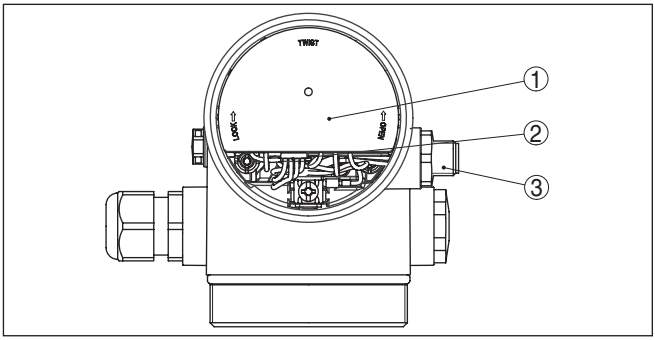


Fig. 16: View to the electronics compartment with DISADAPT for connection of the external display and adjustment unit

1 DIS-ADAPT
2 Internal plug connection
3 Plug connector M12 x 1

Assignment of the plug connector

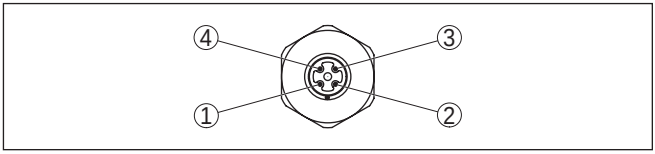


Fig. 17: View to the plug connector M12 x 1

1 Pin 1
2 Pin 2
3 Pin 3
4 Pin 4

Contact pin	Colour connection cable in the sensor	Terminal, electronics module
Pin 1	Brown	5
Pin 2	White	6
Pin 3	Blue	7
Pin 4	Black	8

5.6 Wiring plan - version IP 66/IP 68, 1 bar

Wire assignment, connection cable

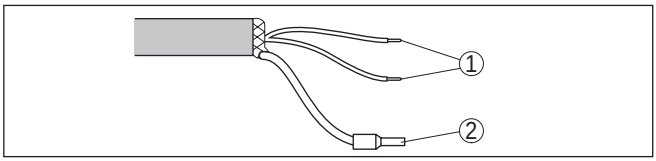


Fig. 18: Wire assignment in permanently connected connection cable

1 brown (+) and blue (-) to power supply or to the processing system
2 Shielding

5.7 Supplementary electronics

Supplementary electronics - Radio module PLICSMOBILE

The radio module PLICSMOBILE is an external GSM/GPRS radio unit for transmission of measured values and for remote parameter adjustment.

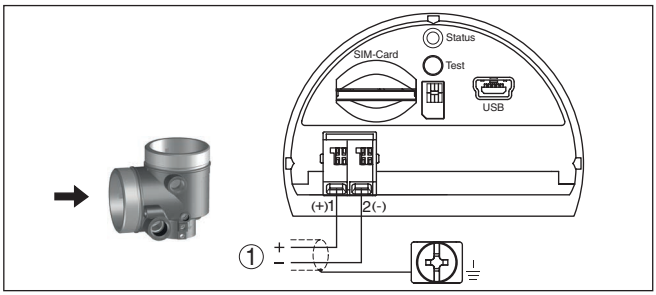


Fig. 19: Radio module PLICSMOBILE integrated in the connection compartment

1 Voltage supply

You can find detailed information on connection in the supplementary instructions "*PLICSMOBILE GSM/GPRS radio module*".

5.8 Switch-on phase

After VEGAFLEX 83 is connected to the bus system, the instrument carries out a self-test for approx. 30 seconds. The following steps are carried out:

- Internal check of the electronics
- Indication of the instrument type, hardware and software version, measurement loop name on the display or PC

- Indication of the status message "*F 105 Determine measured value*" on the display or PC
- Status byte goes briefly to fault value

As soon as a plausible measured value is found, it is outputted to the signal cable. The value corresponds to the actual level as well as the settings already carried out, e.g. factory settings.

6 Set up with the display and adjustment module

6.1 Insert display and adjustment module

The display and adjustment module can be inserted into the sensor and removed again at any time. You can choose any one of four different positions - each displaced by 90°. It is not necessary to interrupt the power supply.

Proceed as follows:

1. Unscrew the housing cover
2. Place the display and adjustment module in the requested position onto the electronics and turn to the right until it snaps in
3. Screw housing cover with inspection window tightly back on

Removal is carried out in reverse order.

The display and adjustment module is powered by the sensor, an additional connection is not necessary.

Fig. 20: Installing the display and adjustment module in the electronics compartment of the single chamber housing

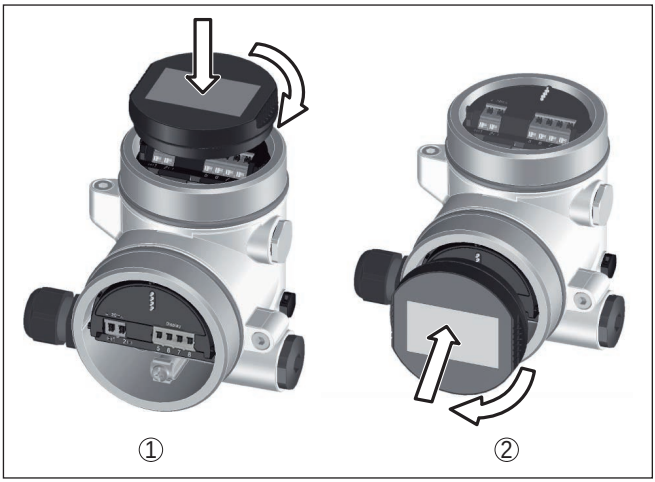


Fig. 21: Insertion of the display and adjustment module into the double chamber housing

1 In the electronics compartment
2 In the connection compartment (with Ex-d-ia version not possible)

Note:
If you intend to retrofit the instrument with a display and adjustment module for continuous measured value indication, a higher cover with an inspection glass is required.

6.2 Adjustment system

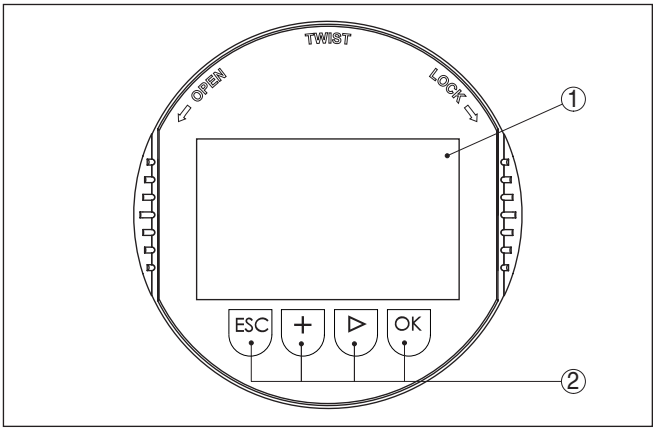


Fig. 22: Display and adjustment elements

1 LC display
2 Adjustment keys

Key functions

- ***[OK]*** key:
  – Move to the menu overview

- Confirm selected menu
- Edit parameter
- Save value

- ***[->]*** key:
  - Presentation, change measured value
  - Select list entry
  - Select editing position

- ***[+]*** key:
  - Change value of the parameter

- ***[ESC]*** key:
  - Interrupt input
  - Jump to next higher menu

Adjustment system

The sensor is adjusted via the four keys of the display and adjustment module. The LC display indicates the individual menu items. The functions of the individual keys are shown in the above illustration. Approx. 10 minutes after the last pressing of a key, an automatic reset to measured value indication is triggered. Any values not confirmed with ***[OK]*** will not be saved.

Switch-on phase

After switching on, the VEGAFLEX 83 carries out a short self-test where the device software is checked.

The output signal transmits a fault signal during the switch-on phase.

The following information is displayed on the display and adjustment module during the startup procedure:

- Instrument type
- Device name
- Software version (SW-Ver)
- Hardware version (HW-Ver)

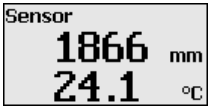
Measured value indication

With the ***[->]*** key you can move between three different indication modes.

In the first view, the selected measured value is displayed in large digits.

In the second view, the selected measured value and a corresponding bar graph presentation are displayed.

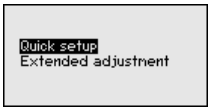
In the third view, the selected measured value as well as a second selectable value, e.g. the temperature, are displayed.



6.3 Parameter adjustment - Quick setup

Quick setup

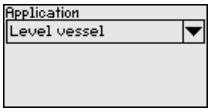
To quickly and easily adapt the sensor to the application, select the menu item "*Quick setup*" in the start graphic on the display and adjustment module.



You can find "Extended adjustment" in the next sub-chapter.

General information

Application
In this menu item, you can select the application. You can choose between level measurement and interface measurement. You can also choose between measurement in a vessel or in a bypass or standpipe.



Level measurement

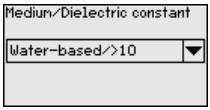
Medium - dielectric constant
In this menu item, you can define the type of medium (product).

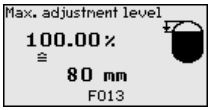
Max. adjustment
In this menu item, you can enter the max. adjustment for the level.

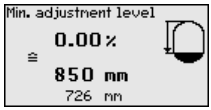
Enter the appropriate distance value in m (corresponding to the percentage value) for the full vessel. The distance refers to the sensor reference plane (seal surface of the process fitting). Keep in mind that the max. level must lie below the dead band.

Min. adjustment
In this menu item, you can enter the min. adjustment for the level.

Enter the suitable distance value in m for the empty vessel (e.g. distance from the flange to the probe end) corresponding to the percentage value. The distance refers tot he sensor reference plane (seal surface of the process fitting).







Interface measurement

Dielectric constant - upper medium
In this menu item, you can define the type of medium (product).

Max. adjustment
In this menu item, you can enter the max. adjustment for the level.

Enter the appropriate distance value in m (corresponding to the percentage value) for the full vessel. The distance refers to the sensor reference plane (seal surface of the process fitting). Keep in mind that the max. level must lie below the dead band.

Min. adjustment
In this menu item, you can enter the min. adjustment for the level.

Enter the suitable distance value in m for the empty vessel (e.g. distance from the flange to the probe end) corresponding to the per-

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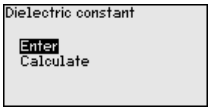
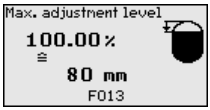
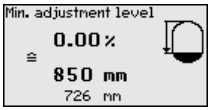
centage value. The distance refers tot he sensor reference plane (seal surface of the process fitting).





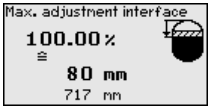


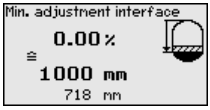
Max. adjustment - Interface
Carry out the max. adjustment for the interface.

To do this, enter the percentage value and the suitable distance value in m for the full vessel.

Min. adjustment - Interface
Carry out the min. adjustment for the interface.

To do this, enter the percentage value and the suitable distance value in m for the empty vessel.





Linearization

Linearization
A linearization is necessary for all vessels in which the vessel volume does not increase linearly with the level - e.g. a horizontal cylindrical or spherical tank, when the indication or output of the volume is required. Corresponding linearization curves are preprogrammed for these vessels. They represent the correlation between the level percentage and vessel volume.

The linearization applies for the measured value indication and the current output. By activating the suitable curve, the percentage vessel volume is displayed correctly.

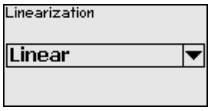
False signal suppression
High sockets and internal vessel installations cause interfering reflections and can influence the measurement.

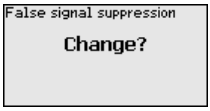
A false signal suppression detects, marks and saves these false signals so that they are no longer taken into account for the level and interface measurement. We generally recommend carrying out a false signal suppression to achieve the best possible accuracy. This should be done with the lowest possible level so that all potential interfering reflections can be detected.

Enter the actual distance from the sensor to the product surface.

All interfering signals in this section are detected by the sensor and stored.

The instrument carries out an automatic false signal suppression as soon as the probe is uncovered. The false signal suppression is always updated.



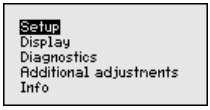


6.4 Parameter adjustment - Extended adjustment

For technically demanding measuring points, you can carry out extended settings in "*Extended adjustment*".

Main menu

The main menu is divided into five sections with the following functions:



Setup: Settings, e.g. medium, application, vessel, adjustment, damping, device units, unit SV 2, false signal suppression, linearization

Display: Language setting, settings for the measured value indication as well as lighting

Diagnosis: Information, e.g. on instrument status, pointer, measurement reliability, simulation, echo curve

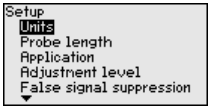
Additional adjustments: e.g. date/time, reset, copy sensor data

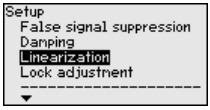
Info: Instrument name, hardware and software version, date of manufacture, device ID, instrument features

Note:
For optimum adjustment of the measuring point, the individual submenu items in the main menu item "*Setup*" should be selected one after the other and provided with the correct parameters. If possible, go through the items in the given sequence.

The procedure is described below.

The following submenu points are available:

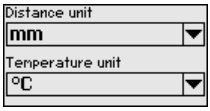




The submenu points described below.

Setup - Units

In this menu item you select the distance unit and the temperature unit.

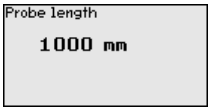


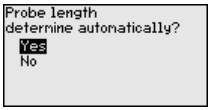
With the distance units you can choose between m, mm and ft and with the temperature units betwenn °C, °F and K.

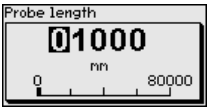
Setup - Probe length

In this menu item you can enter the probe length or have the length determined automatically by the sensor system.

When choosing "*Yes*", then the probe length will be determined automatically. When choosing "*No*", you can enter the probe length manually.

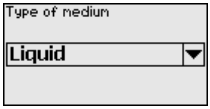


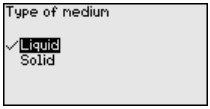




Setup - Type of medium

In this menu item you can select which type of medium you want to measure. You can choose between liquid or bulk solid.





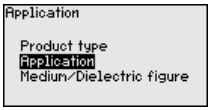
Setup - Application - Application

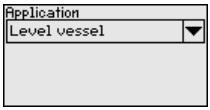
In this menu item, you can select the application. You can choose between level measurement and interface measurement. You can also choose between measurement in a vessel or in a bypass or standpipe.

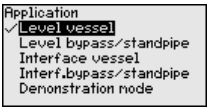
Note:

The selection of the application has a considerable influence on all other menu items. Keep in mind that as you continue with the parameter adjustment, individual menu items are only optionally available.

You have the option of choosing the demonstration mode. This mode is only suitable for test and demonstration purposes. In this mode, the sensor ignores the parameters of the application and reacts immediately to each change.



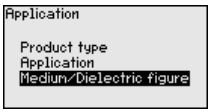


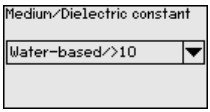


Setup - Application - Medium, dielectric constant

In this menu item, you can define the type of medium (product).

This menu item is only available if you have selected level measurement under the menu item "*Application*".





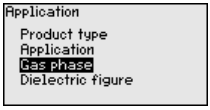
You can choose between the following medium types:

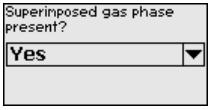
Dielectric constant	Type of medium	Examples
> 10	Water-based liquids	Acids, alcalis, water
3 … 10	Chemical mixtures	Chlorobenzene, nitro lacquer, aniline, isocyanate, chloroform
< 3	Hydrocarbons	Solvents, oils, liquid gas

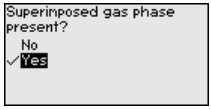
Setup - Application - Gas phase

This menu item is only available, if you have chosen interface measurement under the menu item "*Application*". In this menu item you can enter if there is a superimposed gas phase in your application.

Only set the function to "*Yes*", if the gas phase is permanently present.

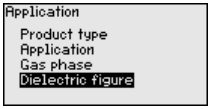


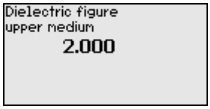


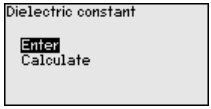


Setup - Application - Dielectric constant

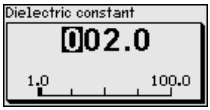
This menu item is only available if you have selected interface measurement under the menu item "*Application*". In this menu item you can choose the type of medium of the upper medium.

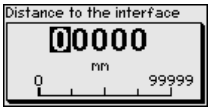






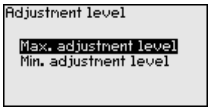
You can enter the dielectric constant of the upper medium directly or have the value determined by the instrument. To do this you have to enter the measured or known distance to the interface.

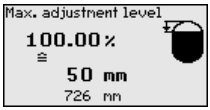




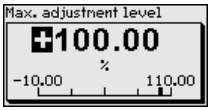
Setup - Max. adjustment Level

In this menu item you can enter the max. adjustment for the level. With interface measurement this is the maximum total level.

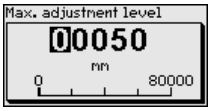




Adjust the requested percentage value with ***[+]*** and store with ***[OK]***.

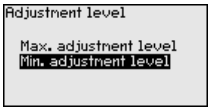


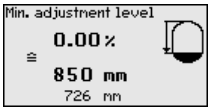
Enter the appropriate distance value in m (corresponding to the percentage value) for the full vessel. The distance refers to the sensor reference plane (seal surface of the process fitting). Keep in mind that the max. level must lie below the dead band.



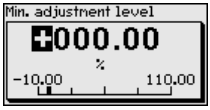
Setup - Min. adjustment Level

In this menu item you can enter the min. adjustment for the level. With interface measurement this is the minimum total level.

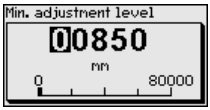




Adjust the requested percentage value with ***[+]*** and store with ***[OK]***.

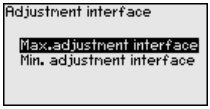


Enter the suitable distance value in m for the empty vessel (e.g. distance from the flange to the probe end) corresponding to the percentage value. The distance refers tot he sensor reference plane (seal surface of the process fitting).

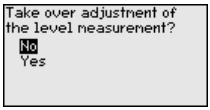


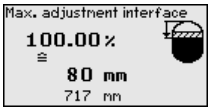
Setup - Max. adjustment - Interface

This menu item is only available if you have selected interface measurement under the menu item "*Application*".

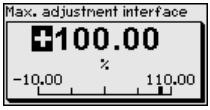


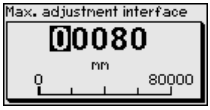
You can accept the adjustment of the level measurement also for the interface measurement. If you select "Yes", the current setting will be displayed.





If you have selected "*No*", you can enter the adjustment for the interface separately. Enter the requested percentage value.

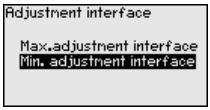


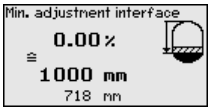


For the full vessel, enter the distance value in m matching the percentage value.

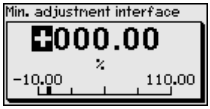
Setup - Min. adjustment - Interface

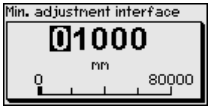
This menu item is only available if you have selected interface measurement under the menu item "*Application*". If you have selected "*Yes*" in the previous menu item (accept adjustment of the level measurement), the current setting will be displayed.





If you have selected "*No*", you can enter the adjustment for the interface measurement separately.





Enter the respective distance value in m for the empty vessel corresponding to the percentage value.

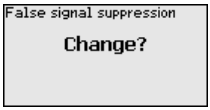
Setup - False signal suppression

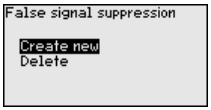
The following circumstances cause interfering reflections and can influence the measurement:

- High sockets
- Vessel installations such as struts

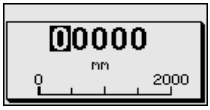
Note:
A false signal suppression detects, marks and saves these false signals so that they are no longer taken into account for the level and interface measurement. We generally recommend carrying out a false signal suppression to achieve the best possible accuracy. This should be done with the lowest possible level so that all potential interfering reflections can be detected.

Proceed as follows:





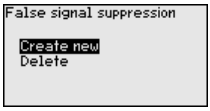
Enter the actual distance from the sensor to the product surface.



All interfering signals in this section are detected by the sensor and stored.

Note:
Check the distance to the product surface, because if an incorrect (too large) value is entered, the existing level will be saved as a false echo. The filling level would then no longer be detectable in this area.

If a false signal suppression has already been created in the sensor, the following menu window appears when selecting "*False signal suppression*":



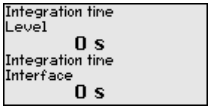
The instrument carries out an automatic false signal suppression as soon as the probe is uncovered. The false signal suppression is always updated.

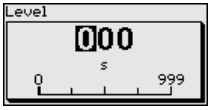
The menu item "*Delete*" is used to completely delete an already created false signal suppression. This is useful if the saved false signal suppression no longer matches the metrological conditions in the vessel.

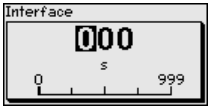
Setup - Damping

To damp process-dependent measured value fluctuations, set an integration time of 0 … 999 s in this menu item.

If you have selected interface measurement under the menu item "*Application*", you can adjust the damping for the level and the interface separately.





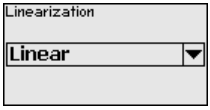


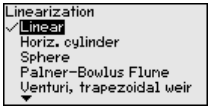
The default setting is a damping of 0 s.

Setup - Linearization

A linearization is necessary for all vessels in which the vessel volume does not increase linearly with the level - e.g. a horizontal cylindrical or spherical tank, when the indication or output of the volume is required. Corresponding linearization curves are preprogrammed for these vessels. They represent the correlation between the level percentage and vessel volume.

The linearization applies to the measured value indication and the current output. By activating the appropriate curve, the volume percentage of the vessel is displayed correctly. If the volume should not be displayed in percent but e.g. in l or kg, a scaling can be also set in the menu item "*Display*".





Warning:
If a linearization curve is selected, the measuring signal is no longer necessarily linear to the filling height. This must be considered by the user especially when adjusting the switching point on the limit signal transmitter.

In the following, you have to enter the values for your vessel, for example the vessel height and the socket correction.

For non-linear vessel forms, enter the vessel height und the socket correction.

For the vessel height, you have to enter the total height of the vessel.

For the socket correction you have to enter the height of the socket above the upper edge of the vessel. If the socket is lower than the upper edge of the vessel, this value can also be negative.

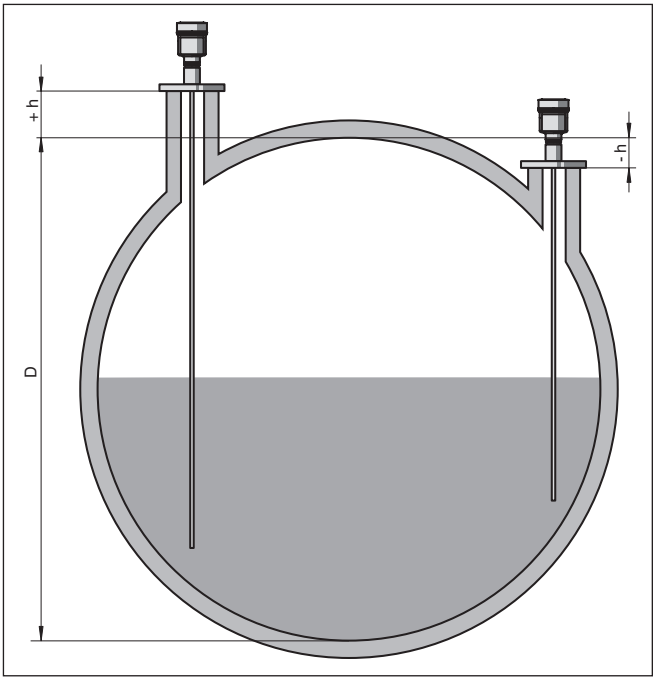
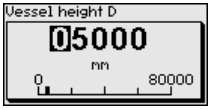
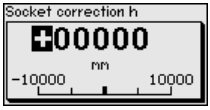
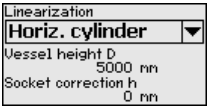


Fig. 23: Vessel height und socket correction value

D Vessel height
+h Positive socket correction value
-h Negative socket correction value





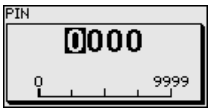


Lock/release setup - Adjustment

In the menu item "*Lock/unlock adjustment*", you can protect the sensor parameters against unauthorized modification. The PIN is activated/deactivated permanently.

The following adjustment functions are possible without entering the PIN:

- Select menu items and show data
- Read data from the sensor into the display and adjustment module.



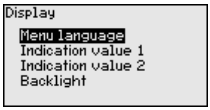
Caution:
With active PIN, adjustment via PACTware/DTM as well as other systems is also blocked.

You can change the PIN number under "*Additional adjustments - PIN*".

Display

In the main menu point "*Display*", the individual submenu points should be selected subsequently and provided with the correct parameters to ensure the optimum adjustment of the display options. The procedure is described in the following.

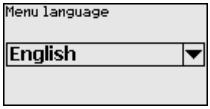
The following submenu points are available:

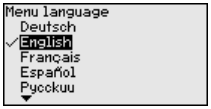


The submenu points described below.

Display - Menu language

This menu item enables the setting of the requested national language.

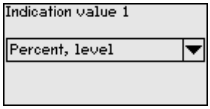


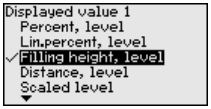


In the delivery status, the sensor is set to the ordered national language.

Display - Displayed value 1

In this menu item, you define the indication of the measured value on the display. You can display two different measured values. In this menu item, you define measured value 1.

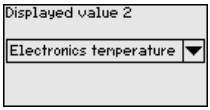


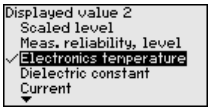


The default setting for the displayed value 1 is "*Filling height Level*".

Display - Displayed value 2

In this menu item, you define the indication of the measured value on the display. You can display two different measured values. In this menu item, you define measured value 2.





The default setting for the displayed value 2 is the electronics temperature.

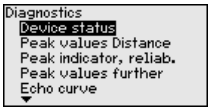
Display - Backlight

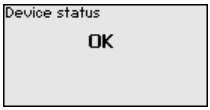
The optionally integrated background lighting can be adjusted via the adjustment menu. The function depends on the height of the supply voltage, see "*Technical data*".

The lighting is switched off in delivery status.

Diagnostics - Device status

In this menu item, the device status is displayed.

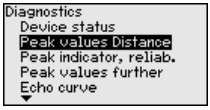


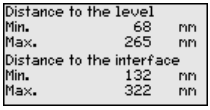


Diagnostics - Peak values Distance

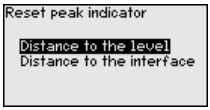
The respective min. and max. measured value is saved in the sensor. The two values are displayed in the menu item "*Peak values, distance*".

If you have selected interface measurement under the menu item "*Setup - Application*", the peak values of the interface measurement are displayed in addition to the peak values of the level measurement.





In another window you can carry out a reset of the two peak values separately.

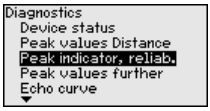


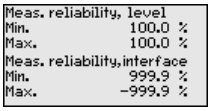
Diagnostics - Peak values Measurement certainty

The respective min. and max. measured values are saved in the sensor. The two values are displayed in the menu item "*Peak values, measurement certainty*".

The measurement can be influenced by the process conditions. In this menu item, the measurement certainty of the level measurement is displayed as percentage value. The higher the value, the more reliable the measurement. Values > 90 % indicate reliable measurement.

If you have selected interface measurement under the menu item "*Setup - Application*", the peak values of the interface measurement are displayed in addition to the peak values of the level measurement.





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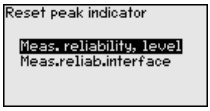
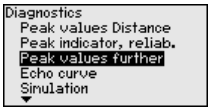
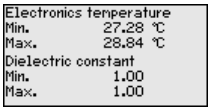


Diagnostics - Peak values Additional

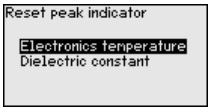
The respective min. and max. measured values are saved in the sensor. The values are displayed in the menu item "*Peak values Additional*".

This menu item displays the peak values of the electronics temperature as well as the dielectric constant.



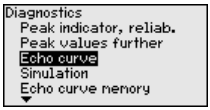


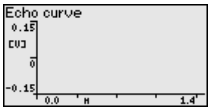
In another window you can carry out a reset of the two peak values separately.



Diagnostics - Echo curve

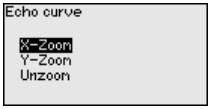
The menu item "*Echo curve*" shows the signal strength of the echoes over the measuring range in V. The signal strength enables an evaluation of the quality of the measurement.

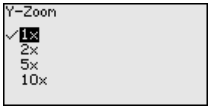




With the following functions you can zoom part sections of the echo curve.

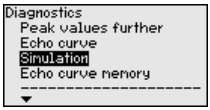
- "X-Zoom": Zoom function for the meas. distance
- "Y-Zoom": 1, 2, 5 and 10x signal magnification in "*V*"
- "Unzoom": Reset the presentation to the nominal measuring range with single magnification

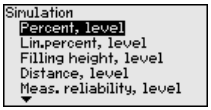




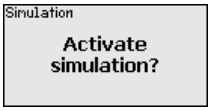
Diagnosis - Simulation

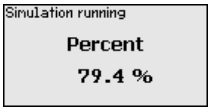
In this menu item you can simulate measured values via the current output. This allows the signal path to be tested, e.g. through downstream indicating instruments or the input card of the control system.

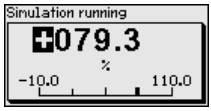




Select the requested simulation size and adjust the requested value.







Caution:
During simulation, the simulated value is outputted as 4 … 20 mA current value and digital HART signal.

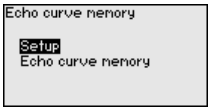
Push the ***[ESC]*** key to deactivate the simulation.

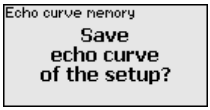
Information:
The simulation is terminated automatically 60 minutes after the last key has been pressed.

Diagnostics - Echo curve memory

With the menu item "*Setup*" the echo curve it is possible to save at the time of setup. This is generally recommended; for using the Asset Management functions it is necessary. If possible, the curve should be saved with a low level in the vessel.

With this, you can detect signal changes over the operating time. With the adjustment software PACTware and the PC, the high-resolution echo curve can be displayed and used to compare the echo curve of the setup with the actual echo curve.



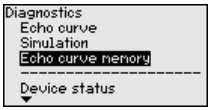


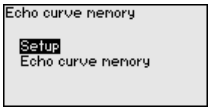
The function "*Echo curve memory*" enables storing echo curves of the measurement.

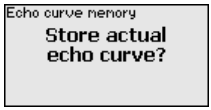
Under the sub-menu item "*Echo curve memory*" you can store the current echo curve.

Parameter settings for recording the echo curve and the settings of the echo curve itself can be carried out in the adjustment software PACTware.

With the adjustment software PACTware and the PC the high-resolution echo curve can be displayed and used later on to assess the quality of the measurement.

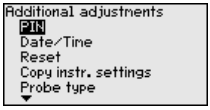


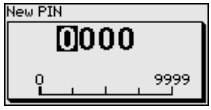




Additional settings - PIN

Entering a 4-digit PIN protects the sensor data against unauthorized access and unintentional modification. In this menu item, the PIN is displayed or edited and changed. However, this menu item is only available if adjustment is enabled in the menu "*Lock/Release setup/adjustment*".

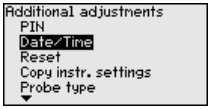


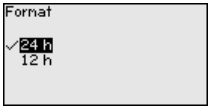


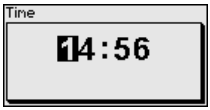
In delivery status, the PIN is "*0000*".

Additional adjustments - Date Time

In this menu item, the internal clock of the sensor is adjusted.

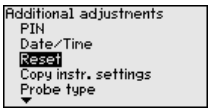






Additional adjustments - Reset

With a reset, certain parameter adjustments carried out by the user are reset.



The following reset functions are available:

Delivery status: Restoring the parameter settings at the time of shipment from the factory incl. the order-specific settings. A created false signal suppression, user-programmable linearization curve as well as the measured value memory will be deleted.

Basic settings: Resetting the parameter settings incl. special parameters to the default values of the respective instrument. Any stored false signal suppression, user programmable linearization curve as well as the measured value memory is deleted.

The following table shows the default values of the instrument. Depending on the instrument version or application, all menu items may not be available or some may be differently assigned:

Setup

Menu item	Default value	Modified value
Block adjustment	Released	
Measurement loop name	Sensor	
Units	Distance unit: mm Temperature unit: °C	
Probe length	Length of the probe Ex factory	
Type of medium	Liquid	
Application	Level in the vessel	
Medium, dielectric constant	Water-based, > 10	
Superimposed gas phase	Yes	
Dielectric constant, upper medium (TS)	1.5	
Tube inner diameter	200 mm	
Max. adjustment - Level	100 %	

Menu item	Default value	Modified value
Max. adjustment - Level	Distance: 0.000 m(d) - note blocking distances	
Min. adjustment - Level	0 %	
Min. adjustment - Level	Distance: Probe length - take dead band into account	
Accept adjustment of the level measurement?	Yes	
Max. adjustment - Interface	100 %	
Max. adjustment - Interface	Distance: 0.000 m(d) - note blocking distances	
Min. adjustment - Interface	0 %	
Min. adjustment - Interface	Distance: Probe length - take dead band into account	
Integration time - Level	0.0 s	
Integration time - Interface	0.0 s	
Linearization type	Linear	
Linearization - Socket correction	0 mm	
Linearization - Vessel height	Probe length	

Display

Menu item	Default value	Modified value
Language	Order-specific	
Displayed value 1	Filling height Level	
Displayed value 2	Electronics temperature	
Backlight	Switched off	

Diagnostics

Menu item	Default value	Modified value
Status signals - Function control	Switched on	
Status signals - Out of specification	Switched off	
Status signals - Maintenance	Switched off	
Device memory - Echo curve memory	Stopped	
Device memory - Measured value memory	Started	
Device memory - Measured value memory - Measured values	Distance level, percentage value level, reliability level, electronics temperature	
Device memory - Measured value memory - Recording in time interval	3 min.	
Device memory - Measured value memory - Recording with measured value difference	15 %	
Device memory - Measured value memory - Start with measured value	Not active	

Menu item	Default value	Modified value
Device memory - Measured value memory - Stop with measured value	Not active	
Device memory - Measured value memory - Stop recording when memory is full	Not active	

Additional adjustments

Menu item	Default value	Modified value
PIN	0000	
Date	Actual date	
Time	Actual time	
Time - Format	24 hours	
Probe type	Device-specific	

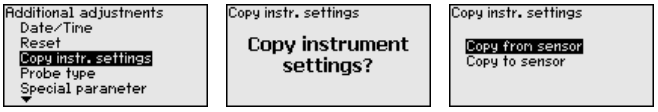
Additional adjustments - Copy instrument settings

The instrument settings are copied with this function. The following functions are available:

- Read from sensor: Read data from sensor and store into the display and adjustment module
- Write into sensor: Store data from the display and adjustment module back to the sensor

The following data or settings for adjustment of the display and adjustment module are saved:

- All data of the menu "*Setup*" and "*Display*"
- In the menu "*Additional adjustments*" the items "*Reset, Date/Time*"
- Special parameters

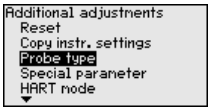


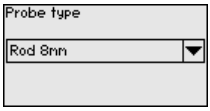
The copied data are permanently saved in an EEPROM memory in the display and adjustment module and remain there even in case of power failure. From there, they can be written into one or more sensors or kept as backup for a possible electronics exchange.

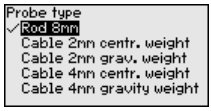
Note:
Before the data are stored in the sensor, a check is carried out to determine if the data fit the sensor. If the data do not fit, a fault signal is triggered or the function is blocked. When data are being written into the sensor, the display shows which instrument type the data originate from and which TAG-no. this sensor had.

Additional adjustments - Probe type

In this menu item you can select the type and size of your probe from a list of all possible probes. This is necessary to adapt the electronics optimally to the probe.



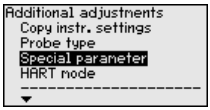




Additional adjustments - Special parameters

In this menu item you gain access to the protected area where you can enter special parameters. In exceptional cases, individual parameters can be modified in order to adapt the sensor to special requirements.

Change the settings of the special parameters only after having contacted our service staff.

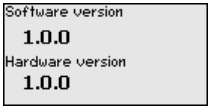


Info - Instrument name

In this menu, you read out the instrument name and the instrument serial number.

Info - Instrument version

In this menu item, the hardware and software version of the sensor is displayed.

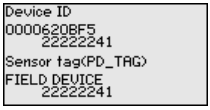


Info - Factory calibration date

In this menu item, the date of factory calibration of the sensor as well as the date of the last change of sensor parameters are displayed via the display and adjustment module or via the PC.

Info - Device ID

In this menu item, the identification number of the instrument in a Foundation Fieldbus system is shown.



Info - Sensor characteristics

In this menu item, the features of the sensor such as approval, process fitting, seal, measuring range, electronics, housing and others are displayed.

6.5 Saving the parameter adjustment data

We recommended noting the adjusted data, e.g. in this operating instructions manual, and archiving them afterwards. They are thus available for multiple use or service purposes.

If the instrument is equipped with a display and adjustment module, the data in the sensor can be saved in the display and adjustment module. The procedure is described in the operating instructions manual "*Display and adjustment module*" in the menu item "*Copy sensor data*". The data remain there permanently even if the sensor power supply fails.

The following data or settings for adjustment of the display and adjustment module are saved:

- All data of the menu "*Setup*" and "*Display*"
- In the menu "*Additional adjustments*" the items "*Sensor-specific units, temperature unit and linearization*"
- The values of the user programmable linearization curve

The function can also be used to transfer settings from one instrument to another instrument of the same type. If it is necessary to exchange a sensor, the display and adjustment module is inserted into the replacement instrument and the data are likewise written into the sensor via the menu item "*Copy sensor data*".

7 Setup with PACTware

7.1 Connect the PC

Via the interface adapter directly on the sensor

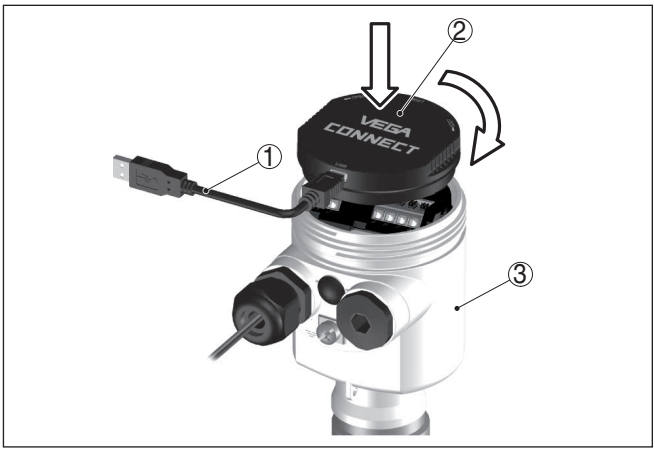


Fig. 24: Connection of the PC directly to the sensor via the interface adapter

1 USB cable to the PC
2 Interface adapter VEGACONNECT
3 Sensor

7.2 Parameter adjustment with PACTware

Prerequisites

For parameter adjustment of the sensor via a Windows PC, the configuration software PACTware and a suitable instrument driver (DTM) according to FDT standard are required. The up-to-date PACTware version as well as all available DTMs are compiled in a DTM Collection. The DTMs can also be integrated into other frame applications according to FDT standard.

Note:
To ensure that all instrument functions are supported, you should always use the latest DTM Collection. Furthermore, not all described functions are included in older firmware versions. You can download the latest instrument software from our homepage. A description of the update procedure is also available in the Internet.

Further setup steps are described in the operating instructions manual "*DTM Collection/PACTware*" attached to each DTM Collection and which can also be downloaded from the Internet. Detailed descriptions are available in the online help of PACTware and the DTMs.

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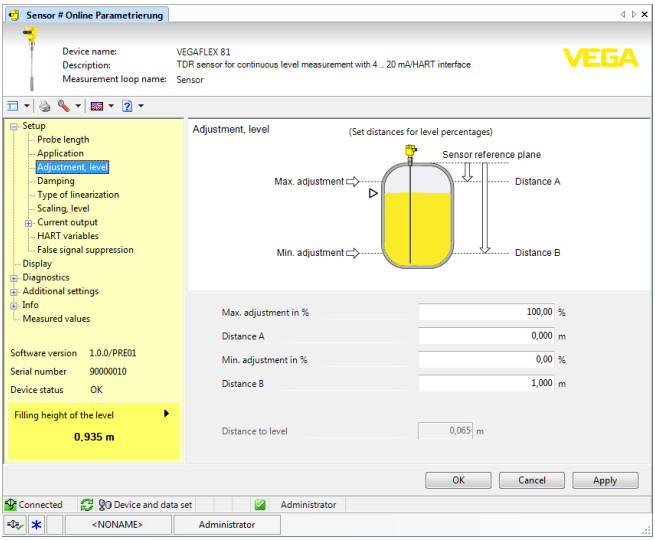


Fig. 25: Example of a DTM view

Standard/Full version

All device DTMs are available as a free-of-charge standard version and as a full version that must be purchased. In the standard version, all functions for complete setup are already included. An assistant for simple project configuration simplifies the adjustment considerably. Saving/printing the project as well as import/export functions are also part of the standard version.

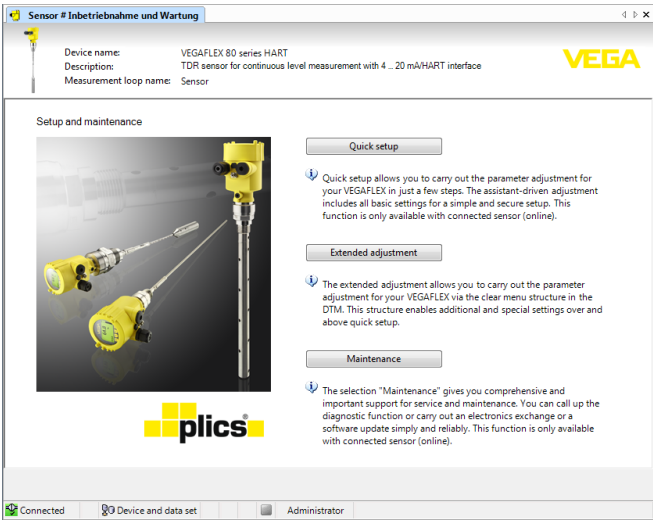
In the full version there is also an extended print function for complete project documentation as well as a save function for measured value and echo curves. In addition, there is a tank calculation program as well as a multiviewer for display and analysis of the saved measured value and echo curves.

The standard version is available as a download under www.vega.com/downloads and "*Software*". The full version is available on CD from the agency serving you.

7.3 Set up with the quick setup

General information

The quick setup is another option for parameter adjustment of the sensor. It allows fast, convenient adjustment of the most important parameters to adapt the sensor quickly to standard applications. To use it, select the function "*Quick setup*" in the start screen.


Sensor # Inbetriebnahme und Wartung
Device name: VEGAFLEX 80 series HART
Description: TDR sensor for continuous level measurement with 4 ... 20 mA/HART interface
Measurement loop name: Sensor
Setup and maintenance
Quick setup
Quick setup allows you to carry out the parameter adjustment for your VEGAFLEX in just a few steps. The assistant-driven adjustment includes all basic settings for a simple and secure setup. This function is only available with connected sensor (online).
Extended adjustment
The extended adjustment allows you to carry out the parameter adjustment for your VEGAFLEX via the clear menu structure in the DTM. This structure enables additional and special settings over and above quick setup.
Maintenance
The selection "Maintenance" gives you comprehensive and important support for service and maintenance. You can call up the diagnostic function or carry out an electronics exchange or a software update simply and reliably. This function is only available with connected sensor (online).
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Connected
Device and data set
Administrator

Fig. 26: Select quick setup

1 Quick setup
2 Extended adjustment
3 Maintenance

Quick setup
With quick setup you can carry out the parameter adjustment of VEGAFLEX 83 for your application in just a few simple steps. The assistant-driven adjustment includes the basic settings for simple, reliable setup and commissioning.

Information:
If the function is inactive, then possibly no instrument is connected. Check the connection to the instrument.

Extended adjustment
With the extended adjustment, you carry out the parameter adjustment for the instrument via the clear menu structure in the DTM (Device Type Manager). This enables additional and special settings over and above those offered by quick setup.

Maintenance
Under the menu item "*Maintenance*" you get comprehensive and important support for servicing and maintenance. You can call up diagnostic functions and carry out an electronics exchange or a software update.

Start quick setup

Click to the button "*Quick setup*", to start the assistant-driven adjustment for a simplified and reliable setup.

Step 1
Instrument configuration

Device name
Here, you can find the instrument name. You cannot change this line because the instrument name is unmodifiably saved in the instrument.

Serial number
Here, you can find the serial number of your instrument. You cannot change this line because the serial number is unmodifiably saved in the instrument.

Measurement loop name
Here you can enter a suitable measurement loop name for your VEGAFLEX 83. You can enter a name with max. 19 characters. You can use capital and small letters as well as numbers. The following special characters are also possible: + - . : , ( ) / < >

Probe length modified?
If you have modified the probe length, this must be entered in the selection field.

- If you select "*No*", then the instrument uses automatically the preset length of the default setting.
- If you select "*Yes*", then you can enter in another field the modified length of the instrument.

Probe length L from seal surface
If you have modified the length of the probe, you can enter in this field the modified probe length. Keep the selected unit in mind.

Determine probe length automatically
If you do not know the probe length, you can have the length of the probe determined automatically. The requirement for this is a probe unrestricted and not covered by the medium.

Click to "*Carry out now*", to start the automatic length determination.

Step 2
Application

Type of medium
Here you can see which type of medium your instrument is suitable for. If this function is inactive, the medium type your instrument is suitable for was already preset.

Information:
In special cases you can change the type of medium. This setting can be changed under "*Extended adjustment*".

Application
In this field you can select the application you want to use your instrument for. You have the following selection options:

- Level in the vessel
- Level in the bypass/standpipe
- Interface in the vessel
- Interface in the bypass/standpipe
- Demonstration mode

Level measurement: If you select "*Level*", you can select the properties of the medium in another field.

Interface measurement: If you select "*Interface*", the instrument needs more information, such as the distance to the interface, the dielectric constant of the upper medium or whether or not there is a superimposed gas phase.

Demonstration mode: This mode is only suitable for test and demonstration purposes. In this mode, the sensor ignores all parameters and reacts immediately to all measured value changes within the measuring range.

Application - Level measurement
The level measurement refers to the product surface which is the limit to the gas phase.

As a standard feature, the instrument is set to level measurement of liquids. You can switch over the instrument to the measurement of bulk solids.

- Liquids
  - Solvents, oils, LPG - dielectric constant < 3
  - Chemical mixtures - dielectric constant 3 … 10
  - Water-based - dielectric constant > 10
- Bulk solids
  - Dusts, wood chips - dielectric constant < 1.5
  - Granules, dusts, powders - dielectric constant 1.5 … 3
  - Cereals, flour - dielectric constant > 3

Application - Interface measurement
The interface measurement refers to the phase limit between two liquids. The total level is also available as a measured value.

- Superimposed gas phase present
  - Check if there is a superimposed gas phase in the vessel. This is always the case if the total level never touches the process fitting.
- Properties
  - Here you can enter the dielectric constant of the upper medium
  - As an alternative you can enter the distance to the interface

Step 3
Adjustment

Adjustment for the level measurement
If you have selected level measurement in the previous menu, then you can enter the values for the min. and max. adjustment. The value to be entered refers to the distance from the sealing surface of the process fitting (sensor reference plane) to the surface of the product.

Adjustment for the level and interface measurement
If you have selected interface measurement in the previous menu, then you can enter the values for the min. and max. adjustment of level and interface or accept the values of the level measurement. The entered value refers to the distance from the sealing surface of the process fitting (sensor reference plane) to the total level or interface.

Step 4
Linearization

Linearization is required if the measured value should be outputted in proportion to the volume and not the level. The linearization acts identically on the level and the interface measurement. You can find further linearization types in the extended adjustment.

If you have a non-linear vessel, you can select here the respective linearization curve.

- Linear

- Spherical tank
- Horizontal cylindrical tank

You must enter the following vessel dimensions with non-linear conditions:

- Height of the socket h
- Vessel height D

Step 5
Sensor optimization

These settings allow you to optimize the sensor. With them you can compare a sounded distance with the indicated value and correct it, if necessary.

Probe immersed in the liquid (covered)
Select whether or not the probe is immersed in the medium.

Measured distance to the medium
If the probe is immersed in the medium, you can enter here the measured distance to the medium.

Displayed distance correct?
Is the displayed distance value correct? If you have the possibility, you can enter here the sounded distance to the medium.

False signal suppression
With this function you can carry out the automatic false signal suppression. We recommend carrying out false signal suppression in any case.

Step 6
Additional settings

When the setup of the instrument is finished, additional settings can be made. These are various backups and the locking of the instrument against unauthorised or inadvertent adjustment.

Prepare a backup file of the instrument parameter adjustment?
For backup purposes, the current parameter adjustment of the instrument is stored in a file. You can use this file later on to restore the instrument parameter adjustment. The complete data set is downloaded from the device. This procedure can last several minutes.

Create instrument documentation?
This function is used to print or create a PDF file of the current parameter adjustment. To read the PDF file, you need a suitable program (for example Acrobat Reader). To print or create the PDF file, all data are downloaded from the device. For this function, the full version of the DTM Collection is required. This procedure can last several minutes.

Store echo curve of the setup in the sensor?
Have you completed the initial setup of the instrument? In such case, we recommend storing the current signal conditions in the device for later instrument tests and diagnostics.

Lock adjustment with PIN after setting?
The instrument is locked with the current PIN. A parameter adjustment is possible only after the PIN is entered again.

7.4 Saving the parameter adjustment data

We recommend documenting or saving the parameter adjustment data via PACTware. That way the data are available for multiple use or service purposes.

8 Set up with other systems

8.1 DD adjustment programs

Device descriptions as Enhanced Device Description (EDD) are available for DD adjustment programs such as, for example, AMS™ and PDM.

The files can be downloaded at www.vega.com/downloads under "*Software*".

8.2 Field Communicator 375, 475

Device descriptions for the instrument are available as EDD for parameter adjustment with the Field Communicator 375 or 475.

For the integration of the EDD in the Field Communicator 375 or 475, the software "Easy Upgrade Utility" is required which is available from the manufacturer. This software is updated via the Internet and new EDDs are automatically taken over into the device catalogue of this software after they are released by the manufacturer. They can then be transferred to a Field Communicator.

9 Diagnostics and service

9.1 Maintenance

If the device is used correctly, no maintenance is required in normal operation.

9.2 Diagnosis memory

The instrument has several memories which are available for diagnosis purposes. The data remain even with voltage interruption.

Measured value memory

Up to 100,000 measured values can be stored in the sensor in a ring memory. Each entry contains date/time as well as the respective measured value. Storable values are for example:

- Distance
- Filling height
- Percentage value
- Lin. percent
- Scaled
- Current value
- Meas. reliability
- Electronics temperature

When the instrument is shipped, the measured value memory is active and stores distance, measurement certainty and electronics temperature every 3 minutes.

In "Extended adjustment" you can select the respective measured values.

The requested values and recording conditions are set via a PC with PACTware/DTM or the control system with EDD. Data are thus read out and also reset.

Event memory

Up to 500 events are automatically stored with a time stamp in the sensor (non-deletable). Each entry contains date/time, event type, event description and value. Event types are for example:

- Modification of a parameter
- Switch-on and switch-off times
- Status messages (according to NE 107)
- Error messages (according to NE 107)

The data are read out via a PC with PACTware/DTM or the control system with EDD.

Echo curve memory

The echo curves are stored with date and time and the corresponding echo data. The memory is divided into two sections:

Echo curve of the setup: This is used as reference echo curve for the measurement conditions during setup. Changes in the measurement conditions during operation or buildup on the sensor can thus be recognized. The echo curve of the setup is stored via:

- PC with PACTware/DTM
- Control system with EDD

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- Display and adjustment module

Further echo curves: Up to 10 echo curves can be stored in a ring buffer in this memory section. Further echo curves are stored via:

- PC with PACTware/DTM
- Control system with EDD
- Display and adjustment module

9.3 Status messages

The instrument features self-monitoring and diagnostics according to NE 107 and VDI/VDE 2650. In addition to the status messages in the following tables there are more detailed error messages available under the menu item "*Diagnostics*" via the display and adjustment module, PACTware/DTM and EDD.

Status messages

The status messages are divided into the following categories:

- Failure
- Function check
- Out of specification
- Maintenance requirement

and explained by pictographs:

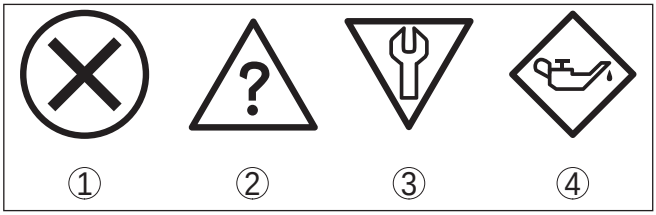


Fig. 27: Pictographs of the status messages

1 Failure - red
2 Out of specification - yellow
3 Function check - orange
4 Maintenance - blue

Failure: Due to a malfunction in the instrument, a failure message is outputted.

This status message is always active. It cannot be deactivated by the user.

Function check: The instrument is in operation, the measured value is temporarily invalid (for example during simulation).

This status message is inactive by default. It can be activated by the user via PACTware/DTM or EDD.

Out of specification: The measured value is unstable because the instrument specification is exceeded (e.g. electronics temperature).

This status message is inactive by default. It can be activated by the user via PACTware/DTM or EDD.

Maintenance: Due to external influences, the instrument function is limited. The measurement is affected, but the measured value is

still valid. Plan in maintenance for the instrument because a failure is expected in the near future (e.g. due to buildup).

This status message is inactive by default. It can be activated by the user via PACTware/DTM or EDD.

Failure (failure)

The following table shows the codes and text messages of the status message "*Failure*" and provides information on causes as well as corrective measures.

Code **Text message**	**Cause**	**Rectification**	**PA DevSpec** **Diagnosis**
F013 no measured value available	– Sensor does not detect an echo during operation – Antenna system contaminated or defective	– Check or correct installation and/or parameter adjustment – Clean or exchange process component or antenna	Bit 0
F017 Adjustment span too small	– Adjustment not within specification	– Change adjustment according to the limit values (difference between min. and max. ≥ 10 mm)	Bit 1
F025 Error in the linearization table	– Index markers are not continuously rising, for example illogical value pairs	– Check linearization table – Delete table/Create new	Bit 2
F036 No operable software	– Failed or interrupted software update	– Repeat software update – Check electronics version – Exchanging the electronics – Send instrument for repair	Bit 3
F040 Error in the electronics	– Hardware defect	– Exchanging the electronics – Send instrument for repair	Bit 4
F080	– General software error	– Disconnect operating voltage briefly	Bit 5
F105 Determine measured value	– The instrument is still in the start phase, the measured value could not yet be determined	– Wait for the end of the switch-on phase – Duration depending on the version and parameter adjustment up to approximately 3 min.	Bit 6
F113 Communication error	– Error in the internal instrument communication	– Disconnect operating voltage briefly – Send instrument for repair	Bit 7

Code Text message	Cause	Rectification	PA DevSpec Diagnosis
F125 Impermissible electronics temperature	– Temperature of the electronics in the non-specified section	– Check ambient temperature – Isolate electronics – Use instrument with higher temperature range	Bit 8
F260 Error in the calibration	– Error in the calibration carried out in the factory – Error in the EEPROM	– Exchanging the electronics – Send instrument for repair	Bit 9
F261 Error in the configuration	– Error during setup – False signal suppression faulty – Error when carrying out a reset	– Repeat setup – Repeat reset	Bit 10
F264 Installation/Setup error	– Adjustment not within the vessel height/measuring range – Max. measuring range of the instrument not sufficient	– Check or correct installation and/or parameter adjustment – Use an instrument with bigger measuring range	Bit 11
F265 Measurement function disturbed	– Sensor no longer carries out a measurement – Operating voltage too low	– Check operating voltage – Carry out a reset – Disconnect operating voltage briefly	Bit 12
F267 No executable sensor software	– Sensor cannot start	– Exchanging the electronics – Send instrument for repair	-

Function check

The following table shows the error codes and text messages in the status message "*Function check*" and provides information on causes as well as corrective measures.

Code Text message	Cause	Rectification
C700 Simulation active	– A simulation is active	– Finish simulation – Wait for the automatic end after 60 mins.

Out of specification

The following table shows the error codes and text messages in the status message "*Out of specification*" and provides information on causes as well as corrective measures.

Code Text message	Cause	Rectification
S600 Impermissible electronics temperature	– Temperature of the electronics in the non-specified section	– Check ambient temperature – Isolate electronics – Use instrument with higher temperature range
S601 Overfilling	– Danger of vessel overfilling	– Make sure that there is no further filling – Check level in the vessel
S603 Impermissible operating voltage	– Operating voltage below specified range	– Check electrical connection – if necessary, increase operating voltage

Maintenance

The following table shows the error codes and text messages in the status message "*Maintenance*" and provides information on causes as well as corrective measures.

Code Text message	Cause	Rectification
M500 Error with the reset delivery status	– With the reset to delivery status, the data could not be restored	– Repeat reset – Load XML file with sensor data into the sensor
M501 Error in the non-active linearization table	– Hardware error EEPROM	– Exchanging the electronics – Send instrument for repair
M502 Error in the diagnosis memory	– Hardware error EEPROM	– Exchanging the electronics – Send instrument for repair
M503 Reliability too low	– The echot/noise ratio is the small for a reliable measurement	– Check installation and process conditions – Clean the antenna – Change polarisation direction – Use instrument with higher sensitivity
M504 Error on an device interface	– Hardware defect	– Check connections – Exchanging the electronics – Send instrument for repair

Code Text message	Cause	Rectification
M505 No echo available	– Level echo can no longer be detected	– Clean the antenna – Use a more suitable antenna/sensor – Remove possible false echoes – Optimize sensor position and orientation

9.4 Rectify faults

Reaction when malfunctions occur

The operator of the system is responsible for taking suitable measures to rectify faults.

Procedure for fault rectification

The first measures are:

- Evaluation of fault messages, for example via the display and adjustment module
- Checking the output signal
- Treatment of measurement errors

Further comprehensive diagnostics options are available with a PC with PACTware and the suitable DTM. In many cases, the reasons can be determined in this way and faults rectified.

Treatment of measurement errors

The below tables show typical examples for application-relevant measurement errors. There are two measurement errors:

- Constant level
- Filling
- Emptying

The images in column "*Error pattern*" show the real level with a broken line and the level displayed by the sensor as a continuous line.

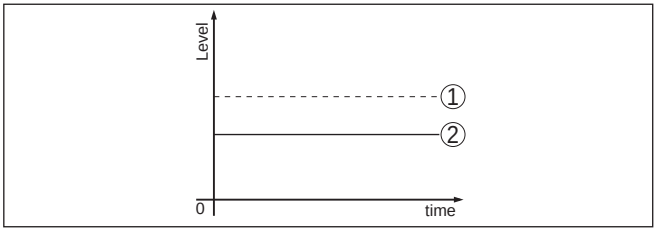
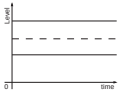
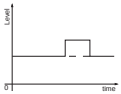


Fig. 28: The broken line 1 shows the real level, the continuous line 2 shows the level displayed by the sensor

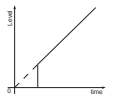
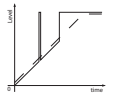
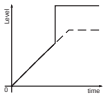
Note:

- Wherever the sensor displays a constant value, the reason could also be the fault setting of the current output to "*Hold value*"
- In case of a too low level indication, the reason could be a line resistance that is too high

Measurement error with constant level

Fault description	Error pattern	Cause	Rectification
1. Measured value shows a too low or too high level		– Min./max. adjustment not correct	– Adapt min./max. adjustment
		– Wrong linearization curve	– Adapt linearization curve
		– Running time error (small measurement error close to 100 %/serious error close to 0 %)	– Repeat setup
2. Measured value jumps towards 100 %		– Due to the process, the amplitude of the product echo sinks – A false signal suppression was not carried out	– Carry out a false signal suppression
		– Amplitude or position of a false signal has changed (e.g. buildup); false signal suppression no longer matches	– Determine the reason for the changed false signals, carry out false signal suppression, e.g. with buildup

Measurement error during filling

Fault description	Error pattern	Cause	Rectification
3. Measured value remains in the area of the bottom during filling		– Echo from the probe end larger than the product echo, for example, with products with $\varepsilon_r < 2.5$ oil-based, solvents, etc.	– Check parameter "Medium" and "Vessel height", adapt if necessary
4. Measured value remains momentarily unchanged during filling and then jumps to the correct level		– Turbulence on the product surface, quick filling	– Check parameters, change if necessary, e.g. in dosing vessel, reactor
5. Measured value jumps sporadically to 100 % during filling		– Changing condensation or contamination on the probe	– Carry out a false signal suppression
6. Measured value jumps to ≥ 100 % or 0 m distance		– Level echo is no longer detected in the close range due to false signals in the close range. The sensor goes into overfill protection mode. The max. level (0 m distance) as well as the status message "Overfill protection" are outputted.	– Eliminate false signals in the close range – Check installation conditions – If possible, switch off the function "Overfill protection"

Measurement error during emptying

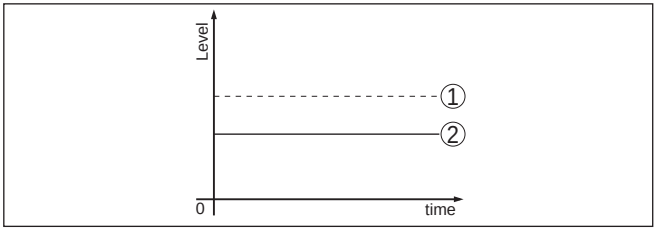
Fault description	Error pattern	Cause	Rectification
7. Measured value remains unchanged in the close range during emptying		– False echo larger than the level echo – Level echo too small	– Eliminate false signals in the close range – Remove contamination on the probe. After having removed the source of the false signals, the false signal suppression must be deleted. – Carry out a new false signal suppression
8. Measured value remains reproducible in one position during emptying		– Stored false signals in this position are larger than the level echo	– Delete false signal memory – Carry out a new false signal suppression

Treatment of measurement errors with bulk solids

The below tables show typical examples for application-relevant measurement errors with bulk solids. There are two measurement errors:

- Constant level
- Filling
- Emptying

The images in column "*Error pattern*" show the real level with a broken line and the level displayed by the sensor as a continuous line.

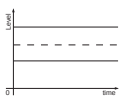


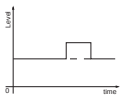
1 Real level
2 Level displayed by the sensor

Notes:

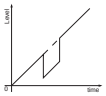
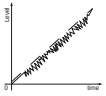
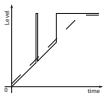
- Wherever the sensor displays a constant value, the reason could also be the fault setting of the current output to "Hold value"
- In case of a too low level indication, the reason could be a line resistance that is too high

Measurement error with constant level

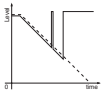
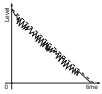
Fault description	Error pattern	Cause	Rectification
1. Measured value shows a too low or too high level		– Min./max. adjustment not correct	– Adapt min./max. adjustment
		– Wrong linearization curve	– Adapt linearization curve

Fault description	Error pattern	Cause	Rectification
2. Measured value jumps towards 100 %		– Due to the process, the amplitude of the product echo sinks – A false signal suppression was not carried out	– Carry out a false signal suppression
		– Amplitude or position of a false echo has changed (e.g. condensation, buildup); false signal suppression no longer matches	– Determine the reason for the changed false echoes, carry out false signal suppression, e.g. with condensation

Measurement error during filling

Fault description	Error pattern	Cause	Rectification
3. Measured value jumps towards 0 % during filling		– Amplitude of a multiple echo (vessel top - product surface) is larger than the level echo	– Check parameter "Application", especially vessel top, type of medium, dished end, high dielectric constant, adapt if necessary
		– The level echo cannot be distinguished from the false echo at a false echo position (jumps to multiple echo)	– In case of interferences due to installations in the close range: Change polarisation direction – Chose a more suitable installation position
		– Transverse reflection from an extraction funnel, amplitude of the transverse reflection larger than the level echo	– Direct sensor to the opposite funnel wall, avoid crossing with the filling stream
4. Measured value fluctuates around 10 … 20 %		– Various echoes from an uneven product surface, e.g. a material cone	– Check parameter "Type of medium" and adapt, if necessary – Optimize installation position and sensor orientation
		– Reflections from the product surface via the vessel wall (deflection)	– Select a more suitable installation position, optimize sensor orientation, e.g. with a swivelling holder
5. Measured value jumps sporadically to 100 % during filling		– Varying condensation or contamination on the antenna	– Carry out a false signal suppression or increase false signal suppression with condensation/contamination in the close range by editing – With bulk solids use radar sensor with purging air connection or flexible antenna cover

Measurement error during emptying

Fault description	Error pattern	Cause	Rectification
6. Measured value remains unchanged in the close range during emptying		– False echo larger than the level echo – Level echo too small	– Remove false echoes in the close range. Check: Antenna must protrude out of the socket – Remove contamination on the antenna – In case of interferences due to installations in the close range: Change polarisation direction – After removing the false echoes, the false signal suppression must be deleted. Carry out a new false signal suppression
7. Measured value jumps sporadically towards 100 % during emptying		– Varying condensation or contamination on the antenna	– Carry out false signal suppression or increase false signal suppression in the close range by editing – With bulk solids use radar sensor with purging air connection or flexible antenna cover
8. Measured value fluctuates around 10 … 20 %		– Various echoes from an uneven product surface, e.g. an extraction funnel – Reflections from the product surface via the vessel wall (deflection)	– Check parameter "Type of medium" and adapt, if necessary – Optimize installation position and sensor orientation

Reaction after fault rectification

Depending on the reason for the fault and the measures taken, the steps described in chapter "*Setup*" must be carried out again or must be checked for plausibility and completeness.

24 hour service hotline

Should these measures not be successful, please call in urgent cases the VEGA service hotline under the phone no. **+49 1805 858550**.

The hotline is also available outside normal working hours, seven days a week around the clock.

Since we offer this service worldwide, the support is provided in English. The service itself is free of charge, the only costs involved are the normal call charges.

9.5 Exchanging the electronics module

If the electronics module is defective, it can be replaced by the user.

In Ex applications, only instruments and electronics modules with appropriate Ex approval may be used.

If there is no electronics module available on site, the electronics module can be ordered through the agency serving you. The electronics modules are adapted to the respective sensor and differ in signal output or voltage supply.

The new electronics module must be loaded with the default settings of the sensor. These are the options:

- In the factory
- Or on site by the user

In both cases, the serial number of the sensor is needed. The serial numbers are stated on the type label of the instrument, on the inside of the housing as well as on the delivery note.

When loading on site, first of all the order data must be downloaded from the Internet (see operating instructions manual "*Electronics module*").

Caution:
All user-specific settings must be entered again. Hence, you have to carry out a new setup after the electronics exchange.

If you have stored the data of the parameter adjustment during the first setup of the sensor, you can transfer these to the replacement electronics module. A new setup is no more necessary.

9.6 Exchanging the rod

Exchanging the rod

The rod (meas. part) of the probe can be shortened, if necessary. To loosen the meas. rod you need a fork spanner with spanner width 10.

Caution:
Remember that the polished rod of the food version is very sensitive to damage and scratching. Use special tools in order to avoid damaging the surface.

1. Loosen the rod by applying a fork spanner to the flat surfaces (SW 10), provide counterforce manually on the process fitting
2. Twist off the loosened measuring rod manually
3. Shift the attached new seal ring onto the thread.
4. Screw the new rod carefully by hand to the thread on the process fitting.
5. Exert counterforce manually and tighten the rod on the flat surfaces with a torque of 6 Nm (4.43 lbf ft).

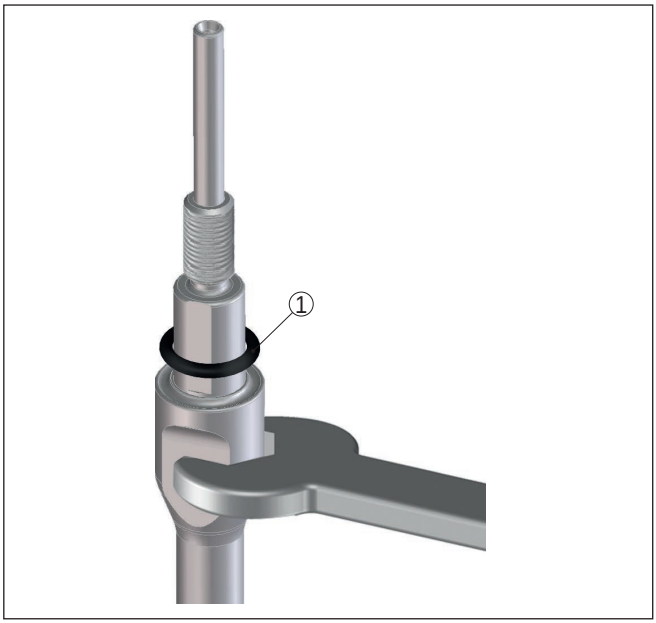


Fig. 46: Exchanging the measuring rod

1 Seal ring

Information:
Please maintain the specified torque so that the max. tensile strength remains.

6. Enter new probe length and if necessary the new probe type and then carry out a fresh adjustment (see "*Setup procedure, Carrying out min. adjustment - Carrying out max. adjustment*").

9.7 Software update

The following components are required to update the instrument software:

- Instrument
- Voltage supply
- Interface adapter VEGACONNECT
- PC with PACTware
- Current instrument software as file

You can find the current instrument software as well as detailed information on the procedure under "www.vega.com/downloads" and "*Software*".

Caution:
Instruments with approvals can be bound to certain software versions. Therefore make sure that the approval is still effective after a software update is carried out.

You can find detailed information at www.vega.com/downloads and "*Approvals*".

9.8 How to proceed if a repair is needed

You can find a repair form as well as detailed information on how to proceed at www.vega.com/downloads and "*Forms and certificates*".

By doing this you help us carry out the repair quickly and without having to call back for needed information.

If a repair is necessary, please proceed as follows:

- Print and fill out one form per instrument
- Clean the instrument and pack it damage-proof
- Attach the completed form and, if need be, also a safety data sheet outside on the packaging
- Please contact the agency serving you to get the address for the return shipment. You can find the agency on our home page www.vega.com.

10 Dismounting

10.1 Dismounting steps

Warning:
Before dismounting, be aware of dangerous process conditions such as e.g. pressure in the vessel or pipeline, high temperatures, corrosive or toxic products etc.

Take note of chapters "*Mounting*" and "*Connecting to power supply*" and carry out the listed steps in reverse order.

10.2 Disposal

The instrument consists of materials which can be recycled by specialised recycling companies. We use recyclable materials and have designed the parts to be easily separable.

Correct disposal avoids negative effects on humans and the environment and ensures recycling of useful raw materials.

Materials: see chapter "*Technical data*"

If you have no way to dispose of the old instrument properly, please contact us concerning return and disposal.

WEEE directive 2002/96/EG
This instrument is not subject to the WEEE directive 2002/96/EG and the respective national laws. Pass the instrument directly on to a specialised recycling company and do not use the municipal collecting points. These may be used only for privately used products according to the WEEE directive.

11 Supplement

11.1 Technical data

General data

316L corresponds to 1.4404 or 1.4435	
Materials, wetted parts	
– Process fitting	316L and PEEK
– Process seal on the instrument side (rod leadthrough)	FFKM (Kalrez 6221), EPDM (Freudenberg 70 EP-DM 291), FEPM (Vi 602 Extreme-ETP, Messrs. COG)
– Process seal	On site
– Rod: ø 8 mm (0.315 in) - polished	316L (only 1.4435) - according to Basle Standard
Surface quality[1)]	
– Polished (Basle Standard)	R_a < 0.76 µm (3^{-5} in)
– Electropolished (Basle Standard)	R_a < 0.38 µm (1.5^{-5} in)
Materials, non-wetted parts	
– Plastic housing	plastic PBT (Polyester)
– Aluminium die-casting housing	Aluminium die-casting AlSi10Mg, powder-coated - basis: Polyester
– Stainless steel housing - precision casting	316L
– Stainless steel housing, electropolished	316L
– Seal between housing and housing cover	NBR (stainless steel housing, precision casting), silicone (aluminium/plastic housing; stainless steel housing, electropolished)
– Inspection window in housing cover (optional)	Polycarbonate (with Ex d version: glass)
– Ground terminal	316L
Ohmic contact	Between ground terminal, process fitting and probe
Process fittings	
– Clamp	from 2"
– Slotted nut	from DN 32 PN 40
Weight	
– Instrument weight (depending on process fitting)	approx. 0.8 … 8 kg (0.176 … 17.64 lbs)
– Rod: ø 8 mm (0.315 in) - polished	approx. 400 g/m (4.3 oz/ft)
Probe length L (from seal surface)	
– Rod: ø 8 mm (0.315 in) - polished	up to 4 m (13.12 ft)
– Trimming accuracy - rod	±1 mm + 0.05 % of the rod length
Lateral load with rod: ø 8 mm (0.315 in) - polished	10 Nm (7.38 lbf ft)

1) All wetted parts

Torque for exchangeable rod probe (in the process fitting)	4.5 Nm ±0.5 (3.32 lbf ft)
Torque for NPT cable glands and Conduit tubes	
– Plastic housing	max. 10 Nm (7.376 lbf ft)
– Aluminium/Stainless steel housing	max. 50 Nm (36.88 lbf ft)

Input variable

Measured variable	Level of liquids
Min. dielectric constant of the medium	$\varepsilon_r \geq 1.6$

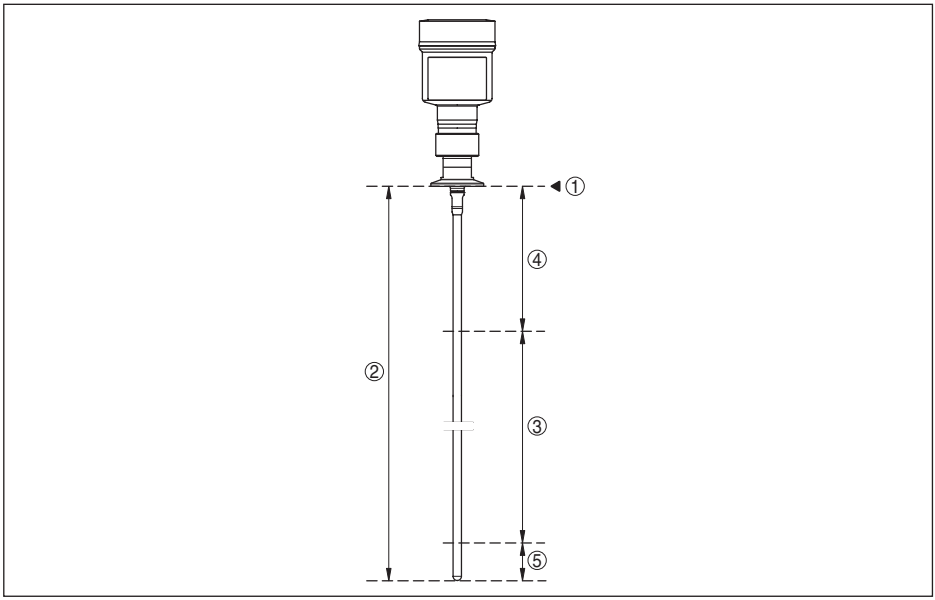


Fig. 47: Measuring ranges - VEGAFLEX 83

1 *Reference plane*
2 *Probe length L*
3 *Measuring range (default setting refers to the measuring range in water)*
4 *Upper dead band (see diagrams under Accuracy - grey section)*
5 *Lower dead band (see diagrams under Accuracy - grey section)*

Output variable

Output	
– Signal	digital output signal, Foundation Fieldbus protocol
– Physical layer	according to IEC 61158-2
Damping (63 % of the input variable)	0 … 999 s, adjustable
Channel Numbers	
– Channel 1	Process value
– Channel 8	Electronics temperature
– Channel 9	Count rate

Transmission rate	31.25 Kbit/s
Current value	
– Non-Ex and Ex ia instrument	10 mA, ±0.5 mA
– Ex-d instruments	16 mA, ±0.5 mA
Resolution, digital	> 1 mm (0.039 in)

Accuracy (according to DIN EN 60770-1)

Process reference conditions according to DIN EN 61298-1	
– Temperature	+18 … +30 °C (+64 … +86 °F)
– Relative humidity	45 … 75 %
– Air pressure	+860 … +1060 mbar/+86 … +106 kPa (+12.5 … +15.4 psig)
Installation reference conditions	
– Min. distance to installations	> 500 mm (19.69 in)
– Vessel	metallic, ø 1 m (3.281 ft), centric installation, process fitting flush with the vessel ceiling
– Medium	Water/Oil (dielectric constant ~2.0)[2]
– Installation	Probe end does not touch the vessel bottom
Sensor parameter adjustment	No gating out of false signals carried out
Typical deviation - Interface measurement	± 5 mm (0.197 in)
Typical deviation - Total level interface measurement	See following diagrams
Typical deviation - Level measurement[3][4]	See following diagrams

[2] With interface measurement = 2.0

[3] Depending on the installation conditions, there can be deviations which can be rectified with an adaptation of the adjustment or a change of the measured value offset in the DTM service mode

[4] The dead bands can be optimizes by a false signal suppression.

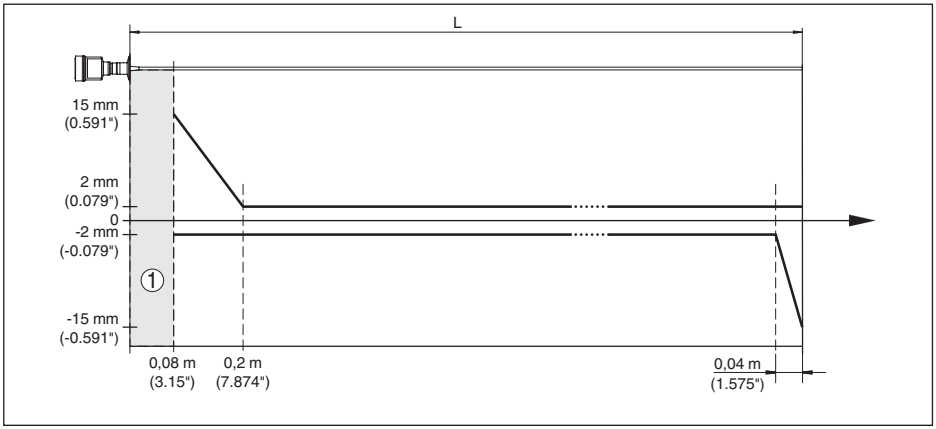


Fig. 48: Deviation VEGAFLEX 83 in rod version in water

1 Dead band - no measurement possible in this area
L Probe length

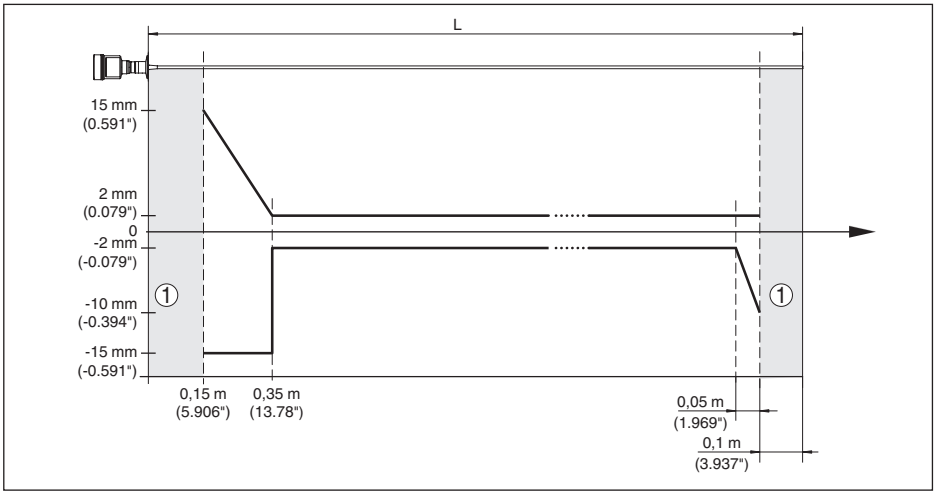


Fig. 49: Deviation VEGAFLEX 83 in rod version in oil

1 Dead band - no measurement possible in this area
L Probe length

Repeatability	≤ ±1 mm

Variables influencing measurement accuracy

Temperature drift - Digital output	±3 mm/10 K relating to the max. measuring range or max. 10 mm (0.394 in)
Additional deviation through electromagnetic interference acc. to EN 61326	< ±10 mm (< ±0.394 in)

Influence of the superimposed gas and pressure to the accuracy

The propagation speed of the radar impulses in gas or vapour above the medium is reduced by high pressure. This effect depends on the superimposed gas or vapour and is especially large at low temperatures.

The following table shows the resulting deviation for some typical gases and vapours. The specified values refer to the distance. Positive values mean that the measured distance is too large, negative values that the measured distance is too small.

Gas phase	Temperature	Pressure		
		1 bar (14.5 psig)	10 bar (145 psig)	50 bar (725 psig)
Air	20 °C/68 °F	0.00 %	0.22 %	1.2 %
	200 °C/392 °F	-0.01 %	0.13 %	0.74 %
	400 °C/752 °F	-0.02 %	0.08 %	0.52 %
Hydrogen	20 °C/68 °F	-0.01 %	0.10 %	0.61 %
	200 °C/392 °F	-0.02 %	0.05 %	0.37 %
	400 °C/752 °F	-0.02 %	0.03 %	0.25 %
Steam (saturated steam)	100 °C/212 °F	0.26 %	-	-
	180 °C/356 °F	0.17 %	2.1 %	-
	264 °C/507 °F	0.12 %	1.44 %	9.2 %
	366 °C/691 °F	0.07 %	1.01 %	5.7 %

Characteristics and performance data

Measuring cycle time	< 500 ms
Step response time[5)]	≤ 3 s
Max. filling/emptying speed	1 m/min

Ambient conditions

Ambient, storage and transport temperature	-40 … +80 °C (-40 … +176 °F)

Process conditions

For the process conditions, please also note the specifications on the type label. The lowest value always applies.

The measurement error through the process conditions in the specified pressure and temperature range is < 1 %.

Process pressure	-1 … +16 bar/-100 … +1600 kPa (-14.5 … +232 psig), depending on the process fitting
Vessel pressure relating to the flange nominal stage	see supplementary instructions manual "*Flanges according to DIN-EN-ASME-JIS*"

Process temperature (Clamp or flange temperature)

– FFKM (Kalrez 6621)	-20 … +150 °C (-4 … +302 °F)
– EPDM (Freudenberg 70 EPDM 291)	-20 … +150 °C (-4 … +302 °F)

[5)] Time span after a sudden measuring distance change by max. 0.5 m in liquid applications, max 2 m with bulk solids applications, until the output signal has taken for the first time 90 % of the final value (IEC 61298-2).

– FEPM (Vi 602 Extreme-ETP, Fa. COG) -10 … +150 °C (+14 … +302 °F)

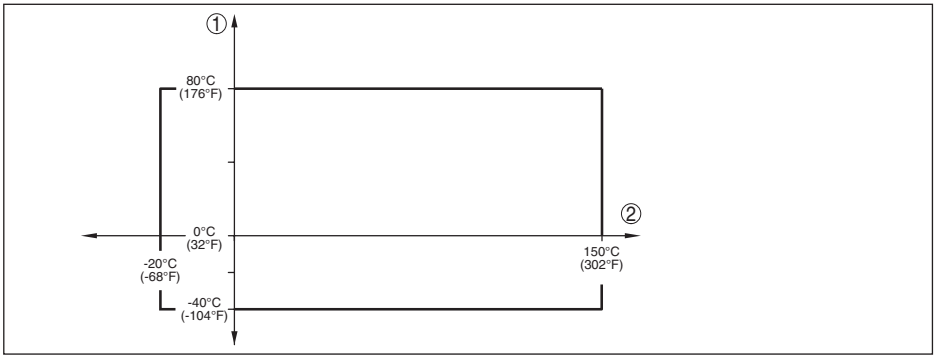


Fig. 50: Ambient temperature - process temperature, standard version

1 Ambient temperature
2 Process temperature (depending on the seal material)
3 Maximum permissible temperature - standard
4 Limited temperature range - plastic housing and stainless steel housing, electropolished

Vibration resistance

– Instrument housing	4 g at 5 … 200 Hz according to EN 60068-2-6 (vibration with resonance)
– Rod probe	1 g with 5 … 200 Hz according EN 60068-2-6 (vibration at resonance) with rod length 50 cm (19.69 in)

Shock resistance

– Instrument housing	100 g, 6 ms according to EN 60068-2-27 (mechanical shock)
– Rod probe	25 g, 6 ms according to EN 60068-2-27 (mechanical shock) with rod length 50 cm (19.69 in)

Electromechanical data - version IP 66/IP 67 and IP 66/IP 68; 0.2 bar

Cable gland	M20 x 1.5 or ½ NPT
Wire cross-section (spring-loaded terminals)	
– Massive wire, cord	0.2 … 2.5 mm² (AWG 24 … 14)
– Stranded wire with end sleeve	0.2 … 1.5 mm² (AWG 24 … 16)

Electromechanical data - version IP 66/IP 68 (1 bar)

Options of the cable entry	
– Cable gland with integrated connection cable	M20 x 1.5 (cable: ø 5 … 9 mm)
– Cable entry	½ NPT
– Blind plug	M20 x 1.5; ½ NPT
Connection cable	
– Wire cross-section	0.5 mm² (AWG 20)
– Wire resistance	< 0.036 Ω/m

– Tensile strength	< 1200 N (270 lbf)
– Standard length	5 m (16.4 ft)
– Max. length	180 m (590.6 ft)
– Min. bending radius	25 mm (0.984 in) with 25 °C (77 °F)
– Diameter approx.	8 mm (0.315 in)
– Colour - Non-Ex version	Black
– Colour - Ex-version	Blue

Display and adjustment module	
Display element	Display with backlight
Measured value indication	
– Number of digits	5
– Size of digits	W x H = 7 x 13 mm
Adjustment elements	4 keys
Protection rating	
– unassembled	IP 20
– mounted into the housing without cover	IP 40
Materials	
– Housing	ABS
– Inspection window	Polyester foil

Integrated clock	
Date format	Day.Month.Year
Time format	12 h/24 h
Time zone Ex factory	CET
Rate deviation max.	10.5 min/year

Measurement electronics temerature	
Resolution	1 °C (1.8 °F)
Accuracy	±1 °C (1.8 °F)
Permissible temperature range	-40 … +85 °C (-40 … +185 °F)

Voltage supply	
Operating voltage	
– Non-Ex instrument	9 … 32 V DC
– Ex-ia instrument - Power supply FISCO model	9 … 17.5 V DC
– Ex-ia instrument - Power supply ENTITY model	9 … 24 V DC
– Ex-d instrument	14 … 32 V DC
Operating voltage U_B - illuminated display and adjustment module	
– Non-Ex instrument	13,5 … 32 V DC

- Ex-ia instrument - Power supply FISCO model — 13.5 … 17.5 V DC
- Ex-ia instrument - Power supply ENTITY model — 13,5 … 24 V DC

Power supply by/max. number of sensors

- Fieldbus — max. 32 (max. 10 with Ex)

Electrical protective measures

Protection rating

Housing material	Version	IP-protection class	NEMA protection
Plastic	Single chamber	IP 66/IP 67	NEMA 4X
	Double chamber	IP 66/IP 67	NEMA 4X
Aluminium	Single chamber	IP 66/IP 68 (0.2 bar) IP 68 (1 bar)	NEMA 6P NEMA 6P
	Double chamber	IP 66/IP 67 IP 66/IP 68 (0.2 bar) IP 68 (1 bar)	NEMA 4X NEMA 6P NEMA 6P
Stainless steel, electro-polished	Single chamber	IP 66/IP 68 (0.2 bar)	NEMA 6P
Stainless steel, investment casting	Single chamber	IP 66/IP 68 (0.2 bar) IP 68 (1 bar)	NEMA 6P NEMA 6P
	Double chamber	IP 66/IP 67 IP 66/IP 68 (0.2 bar) IP 68 (1 bar)	NEMA 4X NEMA 6P NEMA 6P

Overvoltage category — III[6)]

Protection class — III[7)]

Approvals

Instruments with approvals can have different technical specifications depending on the version.

For that reason the associated approval documents of these instruments have to be carefully noted. They are part of the delivery or can be downloaded under www.vega.com, "*VEGA Tools*" and "*Instrument search*" as well as under www.vega.com/downloads and "*Approvals*".

11.2 Supplementary information Foundation Fieldbus

The following table gives you an overview of the instrument versions and the corresponding device descriptions, the electrical characteristics of the bus system as well as the applied function blocks.

6) IEC 61010-1

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Revisions Data	DD-Revision	Rev_01
	CFF-File	010101.cff
	Device Revision	1
	Cff-Revision	xx xx 01
	Device software revision	> 1.1.0
	ITK (Interoperability Test Kit) Number	6.1.0
Electricial Characteristics	Physicial Layer Type	Low-power signaling, bus-powered, FISCO I.S.
	Input Impedance	> 3000 Ohms between 7.8 KHz - 39 KHz
	Unbalanced Capacitance	< 250 pF to ground from either input terminal
	Output Amplitude	0.8 V P-P
	Electrical Connection	2 Wire
	Polarity Insensitive	Yes
	Max. Current Load	10 mA
	Device minimum operating voltage	9 V
Transmitter Function Blocks	Resource Block (RB)	1
	Transducer Block (TB)	1
	Standard Block (AI)	3
	Execution Time	30 mS
Advanced Function Blocks	Discret Input (DI)	Yes
	PID Control	Yes
	Output Splitter (OS)	Yes
	Signal Characterizer (SC)	Yes
	Integrator	Yes
	Input Selector (IS)	Yes
	Arithmetic (AR)	Yes
Diagnostics	Standard	Yes
	Advanced	Yes
	Performance	No
	Function Blocks Instantiable	No
General Information	LAS (Link Active Scheduler)	Yes
	Master Capable	Yes
	Number of VCRs (Virtual Communication Relationships)	24

Function blocks

Transducer Block (TB)

The Transducer Block "*Analog Input (AI)*" takes the original measured value (Secondary Value 2), carries out the min./max. adjustment (Secondary Value 1), carries out a linearization (Primary Value)

and makes the values on its output available for further function blocks.

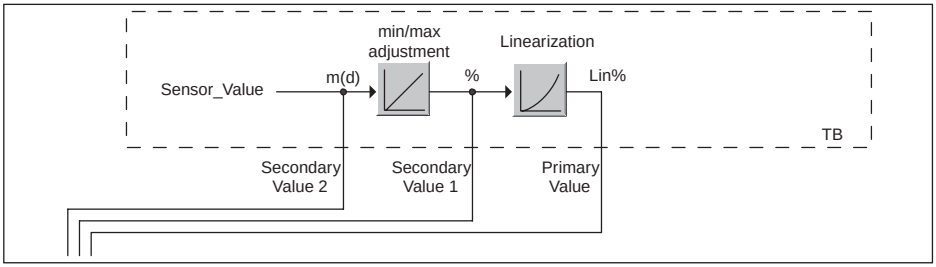


Fig. 51: Schematic presentation Transducer Block (TB)

Function block Analog Input (AI)

The function block "*Analog Input (AI)*" takes the original measured value selected by a Channel Number and makes it available to additional function blocks on its output.

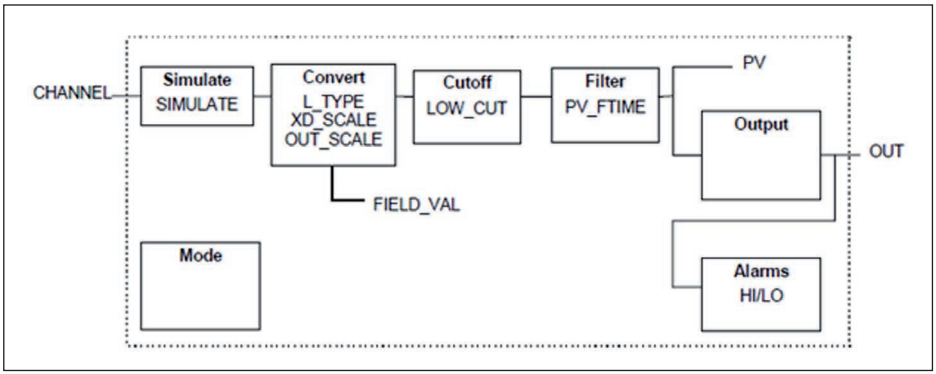


Fig. 52: Schematic presentation function block Analog Input (AI)

Function block Discret Input (DI)

The function block "*Discret Input (DI)*" takes the original measured value selected by a Channel Number and makes it available to additional function blocks on its output.

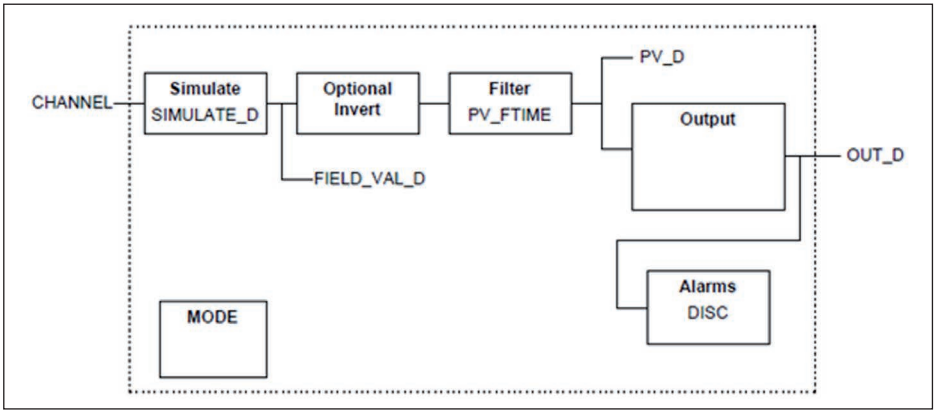


Fig. 53: Schematic presentation function block Discret Input (DI)

Function block PID Control

The function block "*PID Control* " is a key component for various tasks in the process automation and is used universally. PID blocks can be cascaded if this is necessary or requested due to different time constants with the primary and secondary process measurement.

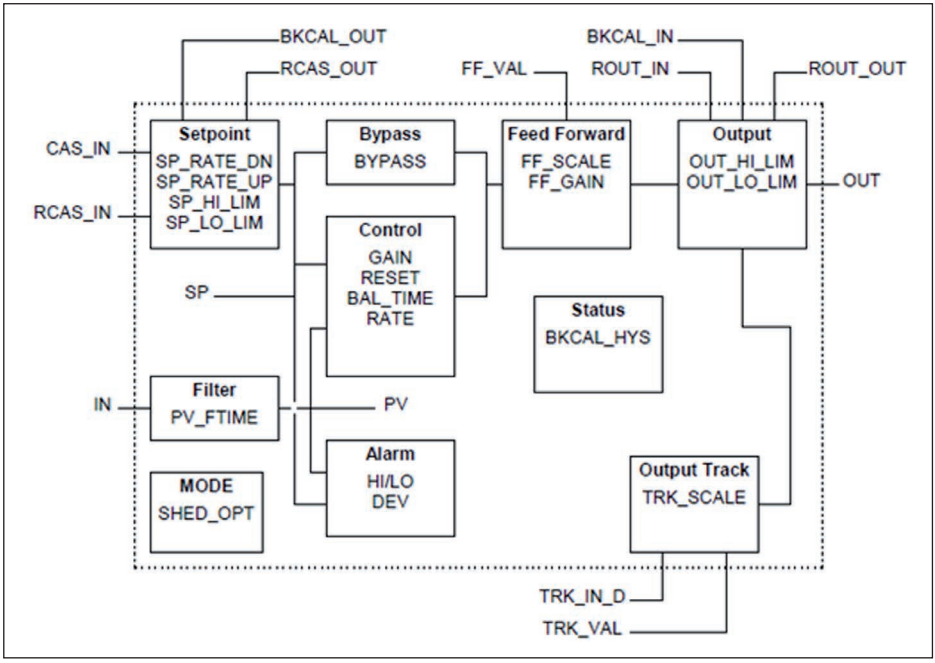


Fig. 54: Schematic presentation function block PID Control

Function block Output Splitter

The function block "*Output Splitter*" generates two control outputs out of one input. Each output is

a linear image of a part of the input. A retrograde calculation function is realised by using the linear imaging function inversely. A cascading of several Output Splitters is supported by an integrated decision table for the combinability of inputs and outputs.

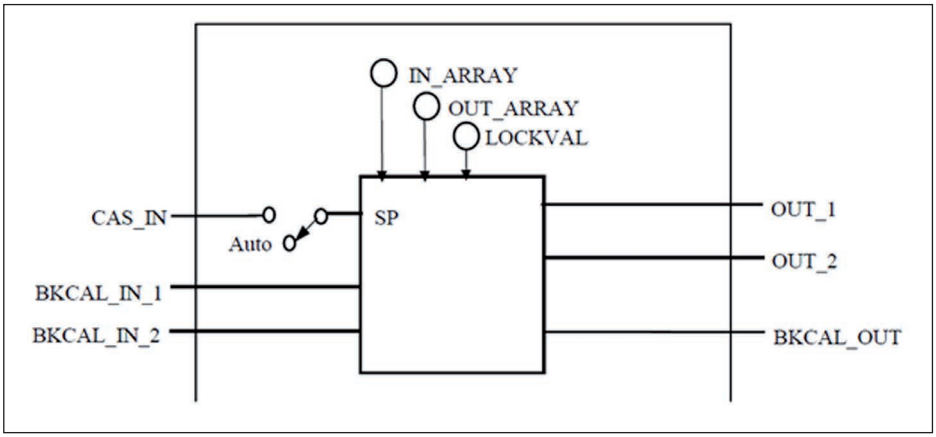


Fig. 55: Schematic presentation function block Output Splitter

Function block Signal Characterizer

The function block "*Signal Characterizer*" has two channels the outputs of which are not in linear relation with the respective input. The non-linear relation is defined by a look-up table with individually selectable x/y-pairs. The respective input signal is imaged on the corresponding output, hence this function block can be used in a control loop or signal path. Optionally the function axis can be exchanged in channel 2 so that the block can be also used in a reverse control loop.

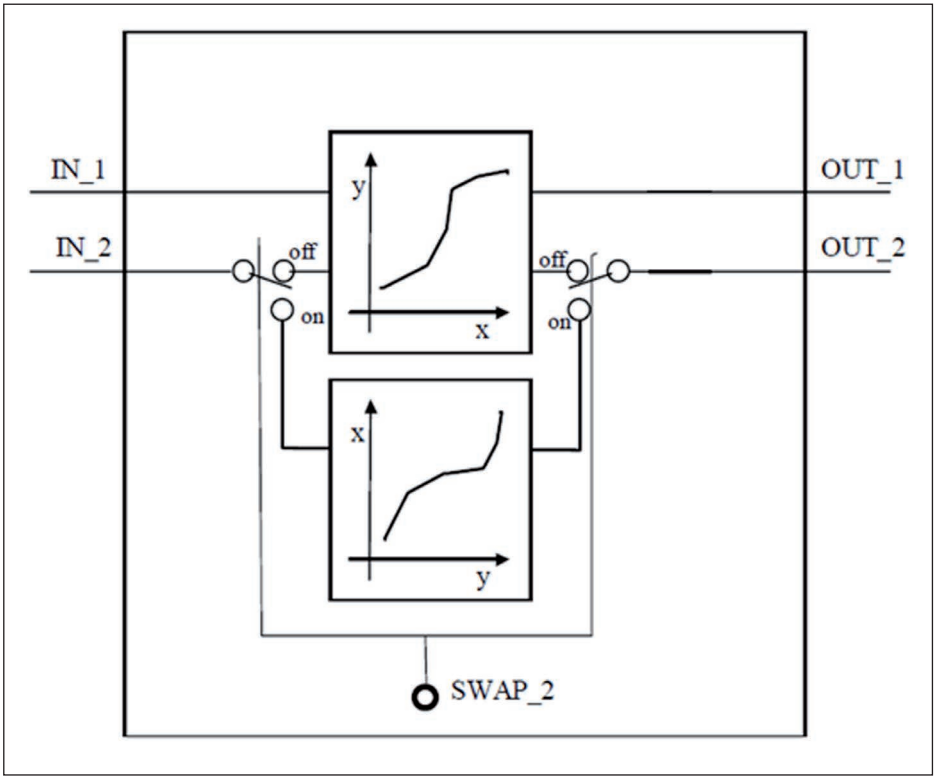


Fig. 56: Schematic presentation function block Signal Characterizer

Function block Integrator

The function block "*Integrator*" integrates a continuous input signal over the time and sums the results of an impulse input block. It is used as a totalizer up to a reset or as a subtotalizer up to a reference point at which the integrated and accumulated value is compared with the default values. When these default values are reached, digital output signals will be outputted. The integration function is carried out upwardly starting with zero and downwards with a default value. Two flow values are also available so that the net flow volume can be calculated and integrated. This can be used for calculation of volume and mass changes in the vessel or for optimisation of flow controls.

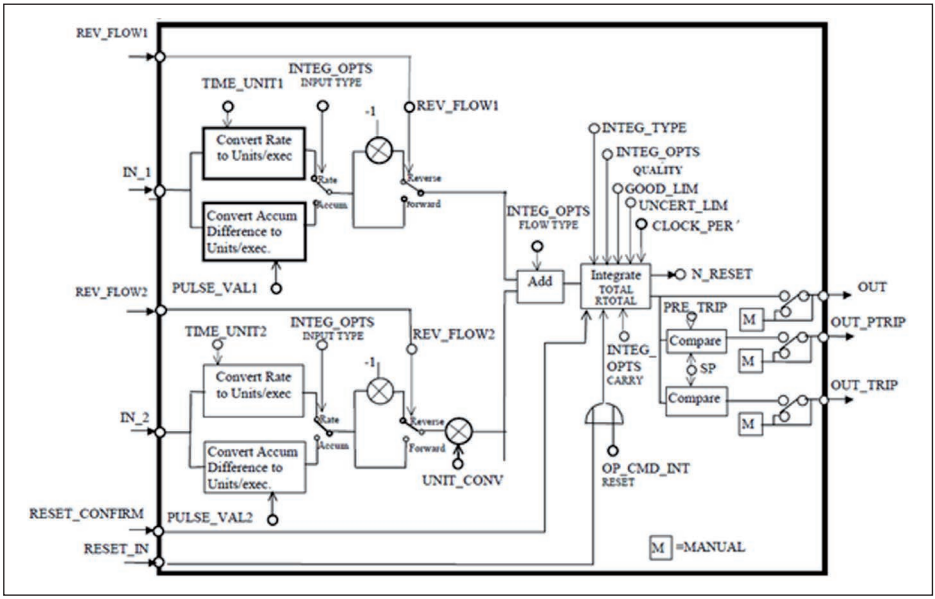


Fig. 57: Schematic presentation function block Integrator

Function block Input Selector

The function block "*Input Selector*" offers selection possibilities for up to four inputs and generates an output signal according to the selection criteria. Typical input signals are AI blocks. Selection possibilities are maximum, minimum, mean value, average value and first useful signal. Through parameter combination, the block can be used as rotary switch or as preselection switch for the first useful value. Switch information can be received by other input blocks or the user. Mean value selection is also supported.

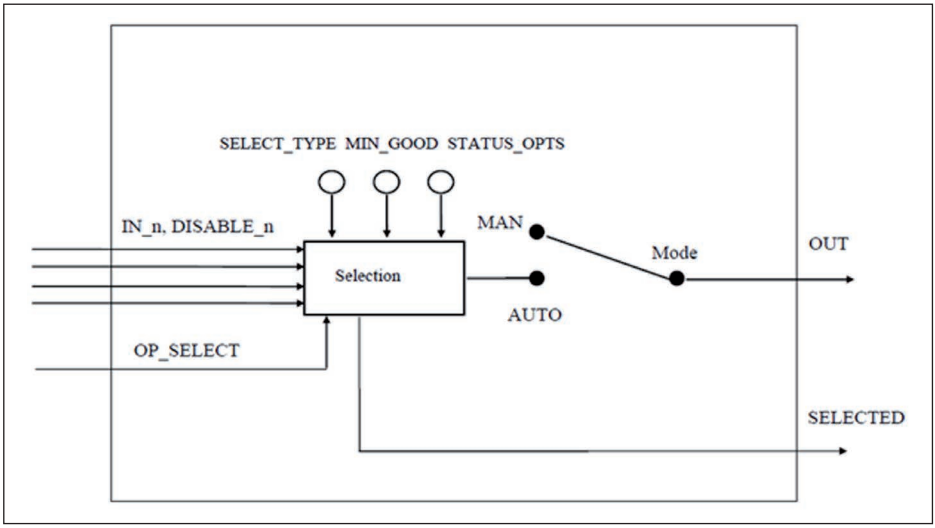


Fig. 58: Schematic presentation function block Input Selector

Function block Arithmetic

The function block "*Arithmetic*" allows the simple integration of usual metrological calculation functions. The user can select the requested algortihm according to the name without known the formula.

The following algorithms are available:

- Flow compensation, linear
- Flow compensation, square root
- Flow compensation, approximate
- BTU flow
- Traditional Multiply Divide
- Average
- Traditional Summer
- Fourth order polynomial
- Simple HTG compensated level
- Fourth order Polynomial Based on PV

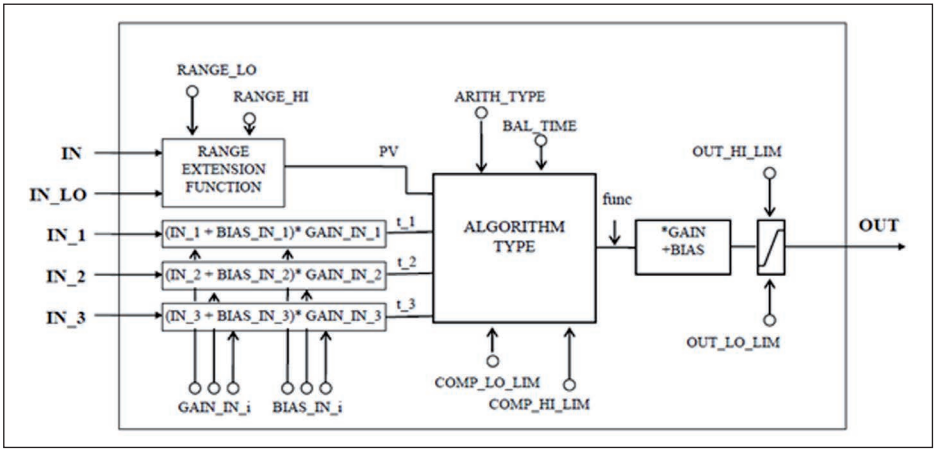


Fig. 59: Schematic presentation function block Arithmetic

Parameter list

The following table gives you an overview of the parameters used.

FF desciptor	Description	Unit
PRIMARY_VALUE	PRIMARY_VALUE (Linearized value). This is the process value after min/max adjustment and Linearization with the status of the transducer block. The unit is defined in "*PRIMARY_VALUE_UNIT*"	
PRIMARY_VALUE_UNIT	Selected unit code for "*PRIMARY_VALUE*"	
SECONDARY_VALUE_1	This is the measured value after min/max adjustment with the status of the transducer block. The unit is defined in "*SECONDARY_VALUE_1_UNIT*"	
SECONDARY_VALUE_1_ UNIT	Selected unit code for "*SECONDARY_VALUE_1*"	
SECONDARY_VALUE_2	This is the distance value ("*sensor_value*") with the status of the transducer block. The unit is defined in "*SECONDARY_VALUE_2_UNIT*"	
FILL_HEIGHT_VALUE	Filling height. The unit is defined in "*FILL_HEIGHT_VALUE_ UNIT*"	
FILL_HEIGHT_VALUE_UNIT	Filling height unit	
CONST_VALUE	Constant value	
SECONDARY_VALUE_1_ TYPE	Secondary value 1 type	
SECONDARY_VALUE_2_ TYPE	Secondary value 2 type	
FILL_HEIGHT_VALUE_Type	Filling height value type	
DIAGNOSIS	AITB Diagnosis	
DIAG_MASK_1		
DIAG_OUT_1		

FF desciptor	Description	Unit
DIAG_MASK_2		
DIAG_OUT_2		
DEVICE_IDENTIFICATION	Manufacturer ID, device type, bus type ID, measurement principle, serial number, DTM ID, device revision	
DEVICE_NAME	Device name	
IS-SPARE_ELECTRONICS	Device name	
DEVICE_VERSION_INFO	Hard- and software version for system, function and error	
CALIBRATION_DATE	Day, month and year	
FIRMWARE_VERSION_ASCII	Software version	
HW_VERSION_ASCII	Hardware version	
ADJUSTMENT_DATA	Min./max.-adjustment physical, percent and offset	
FIRMWARE_VERSION_MAIN	Firmware versions major, minor, revision and build	
PHYSICAL_VALUES	Distance, distance unit, distance status, level and status	
DEVICE_UNITS	Distance and temperature units of the instrument	
APPLICATION_CONFIG	Medium type, media, application type, vessel bottom, vessel height	
LINEARIZATION_TYPE_SEL	Type of linearization	
SIMULATION_PHYSCAL		
INTEGRATION_DATA	Physical offset and integration time	
DEVICE_CONFIG_PULS_RADAR	Electronics variant, probe type, max. measuring range, antenna extension length, adjustment propagation antenna extension lprapproval configuration	
ADJUSTMENT_LIMITS_MIN	Min. range min.-/max.- values physical, percent, offset	
ADJUSTMENT_LIMITS_MAX	Max. range min.-/max.- values physical, percent, offset	%
FALSE_SIGNAL_COMMAND		%
FALSE_SIGNAL_CMD_CREATE_EXTEND		
FALSE_SIGNAL_CMD_DELET_REGION		
FALSE_SIGNAL_CMD_STATE	Busy, last command, errorcode	
FALSE_SIGNAL_CMD_CONFIGURATION1	Amplitude safety of the 0 % curve, safety of the false signal suppression, position of the 0 % and 100 % curve in near and far range	
FALSE_SIGNAL_CMD_CONFIGURATION2	Gradient of the manual sectors, safety at the end of false echo memory and depending on the import range gating out the false signals	
ECP_CURVE_AVARAGING_CONFIG	Averaging factor on increasing and decreasing amplitude	
LEVEL_ECHO_MEASUREMENT	Function measured value filter	
ECHO_CURVE_STATUS		
PACKET_COUNT		

FF desciptor	Description	Unit
GU_ID_END		
ECHO_CURVE_READ	Echo curve data	
ECHO_EVALUATOR	Echo parameters, first large echo, amplitude threshold first large echo	
ECHO_DECIDER	Echo selection criteria, fault signal on loss of echo, delay on fault signal on loss of echo	
DISPLAY_SETTINGS	Indication value, menu language, lightning	
SIL_MODE		
EDENVELOPE_CURVE_FILTER	Parameters of envelope curve filter, activation of smooth raw value curve	
EDDETECTION_CURVE_FILTER	Parameters of the detection filter, offset threshold value curve	
EDECHO_COMBINATION	Parameters for echo combination, function combine echoes, amplitude difference of combined echoes, position difference of combined echoes	
LIN_TABLE_A … LIN_TABLE_Q	32 couples of percentage and lin. percentage values	
ELECTRONICS_INFORMATION	Electronics version	
APPLICATION_CONFIG_SERVICE	Limitation measuring range begin, safety of measuring range end	
LEVEL_ECHO_INFO	Level echo ID, amplitude, measurement safety	
DEVICE_STATUS	Device status	
FALSE_SIGNAL_LIMITS	False signal distance min./max.	
USER_PEAK_ELEC_TEMP	Min.-/max.- values of electronics temperature, date	
USER_MIN_MAX_PHYSICAL_VALUE	Min.-/max.- distance values, date	
RESET_PEAK_PHYSICAL_VALUE		
RESET_LINEARIZATION_CURVE		
DEVICE_STATUS_ASCII	Device status	
ECHO_CURVE_PLICSCOM_REQUEST	Parameters as curve selection and resolution	
ECHO_CURVE_PLICSCOM_LIMITS	Parameters as start and end	
APPROVAL_WHG	Sensor acc. to WHG	
DEVICE_STATE_CONFIG	Function check, maintenance required, out of specification	
ELECTRONIC_TEMPERATURE	Electronics temperature	
RESET_PEAK_ELECTRONIC_TEMP		
FOCUS_RANGE_CONFIG	Width focusing range, time for opening the focusing range, min. measurement reliability in and outside the focusing range	

FF desciptor	Description	Unit
NOISE_DETECTION_INFO	Increase of the system noise	
NOISE_DETECTION_CONFIG	System noise treatment	
ECHO_MEM_SAVE_CURVE_TYPE		
ECHO_MEM_STATE	Busy, curve type, error code	

11.3 Dimensions

The following dimensional drawings represent only an extract of all possible versions. Detailed dimensional drawings can be downloaded at www.vega.com/downloads under "*Drawings*".

Plastic housing

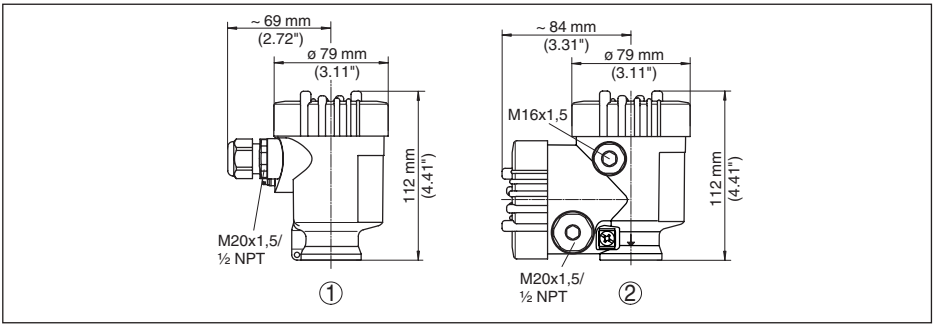


Fig. 60: Housing versions in protection IP 66/IP 68 (0.2 bar) - with integrated display and adjustment module the housing is 9 mm/0.35 in higher

1 Single chamber version
2 Double chamber version

Aluminium housing

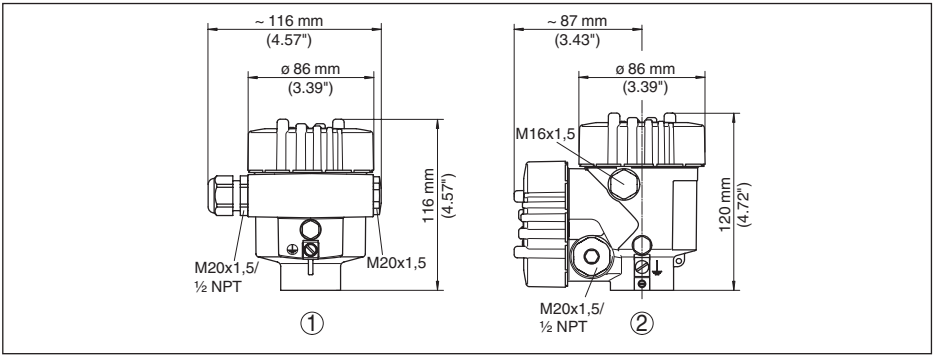


Fig. 61: Housing versions in protection IP 66/IP 68 (0.2 bar) - with integrated display and adjustment module the housing is 9 mm/0.35 in higher

1 Single chamber version
2 Double chamber version

Aluminium housing in protection rating IP 66/IP 68 (1 bar)

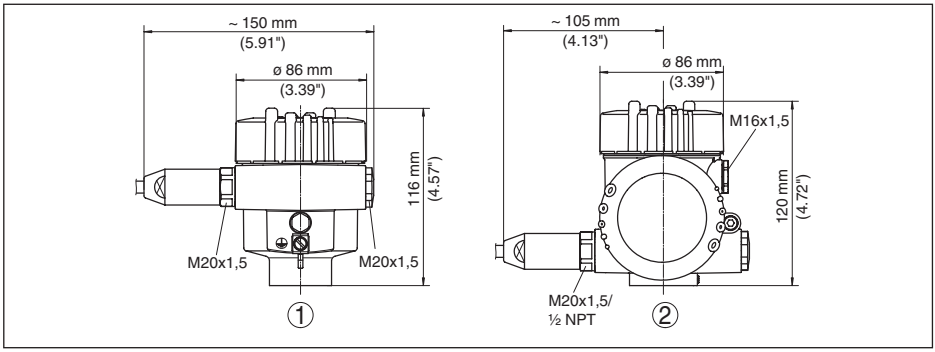


Fig. 62: Housing versions in protection IP66/IP68 (1 bar) - with integrated display and adjustment module the housing is 9 mm/0.35 in higher

1 Single chamber version
2 Double chamber version

Stainless steel housing

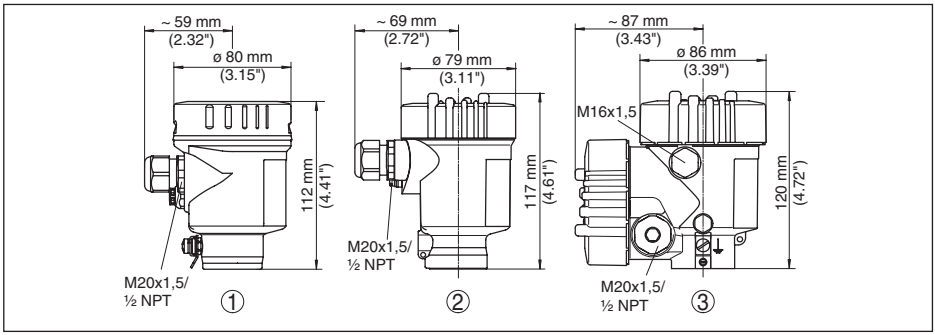


Fig. 63: Housing versions in protection IP 66/IP 68 (0.2 bar) - with integrated display and adjustment module the housing is 9 mm/0.35 in higher

1 Single chamber version, electropolished
2 Single chamber version, precision casting
3 Double chamber version, precision casting

Stainless steel housing in protection rating IP 66/IP 68, 1 bar

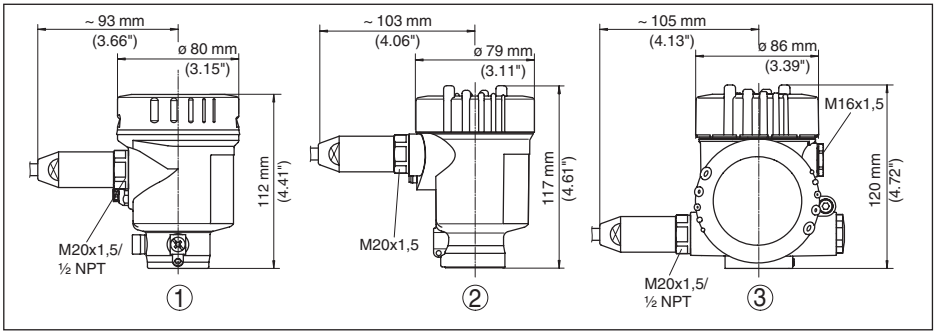


Fig. 64: Housing versions in protection IP66/IP68 (1 bar) - with integrated display and adjustment module the housing is 9 mm/0.35 in higher

1 *Single chamber version, electropolished*
2 *Single chamber version, precision casting*
3 *Double chamber version, precision casting*

VEGAFLEX 83, rod version ø 8 mm (0.315 in), polished

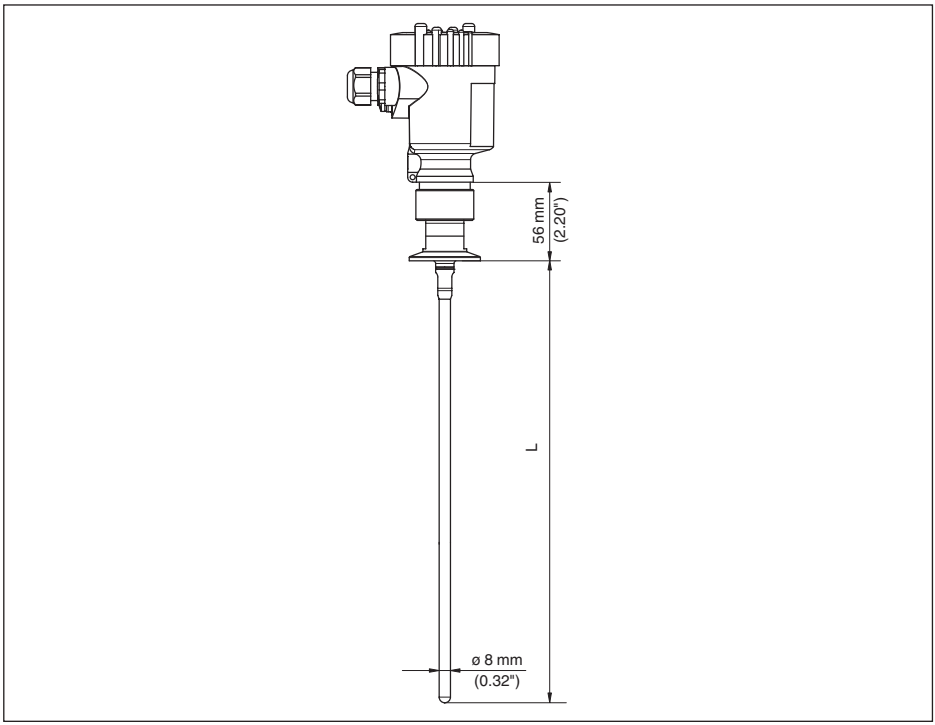
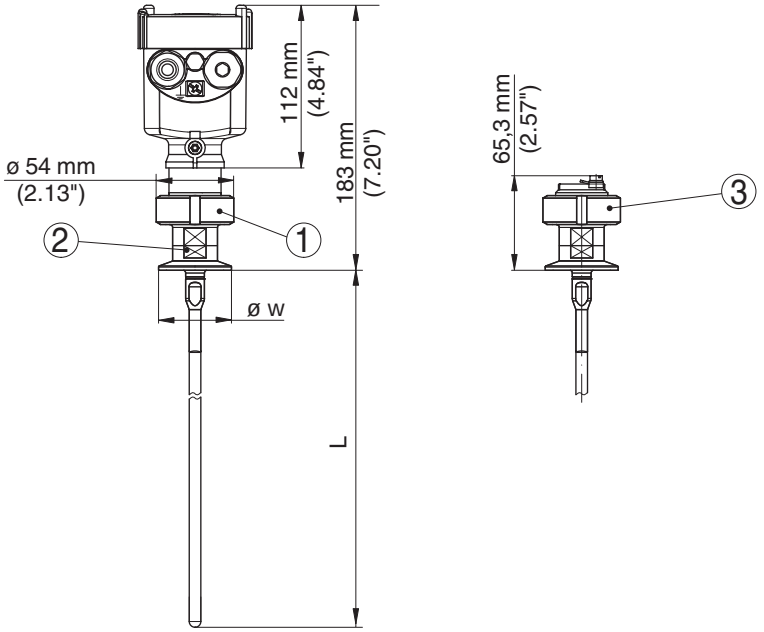


Fig. 65: VEGAFLEX 83, rod version ø 8 mm (0.315 in), polished

L *Sensor length, see chapter "Technical data"*

VEGAFLEX 83, rod version ø 8 mm (0.315 in), polished - autoclaved version



	ø w
DIN DN25 DN32 DN40 / 1" 1 1/2"	ø 50,5
DIN DN50 / 2"	ø 64
DIN DN65 / 3"	ø 91

Fig. 66: VEGAFLEX 83, rod version ø 8 mm (0.315 in), polished - autoclaved version

1 *Compression nut*
2 *Process fitting*
3 *Cover lid*

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